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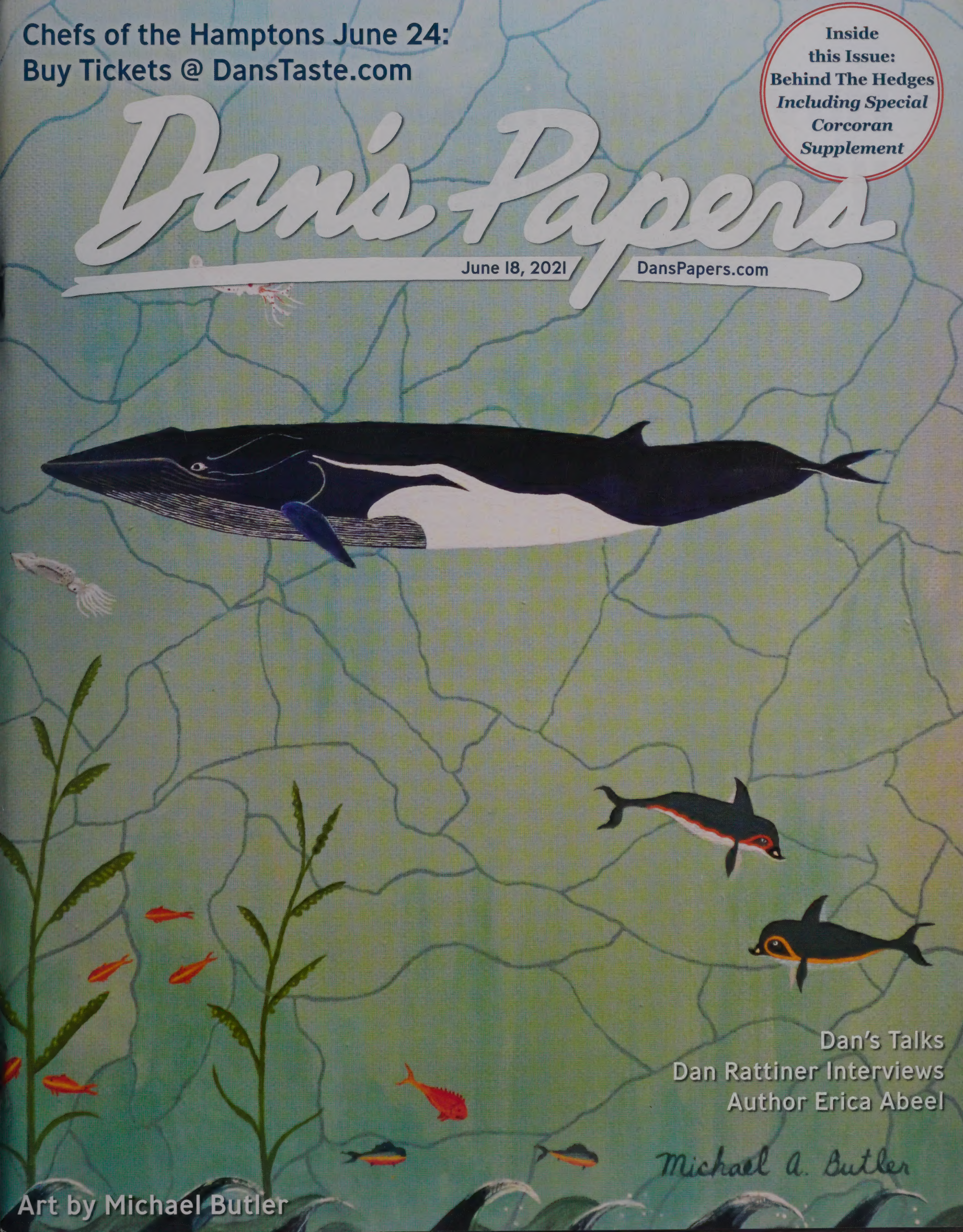

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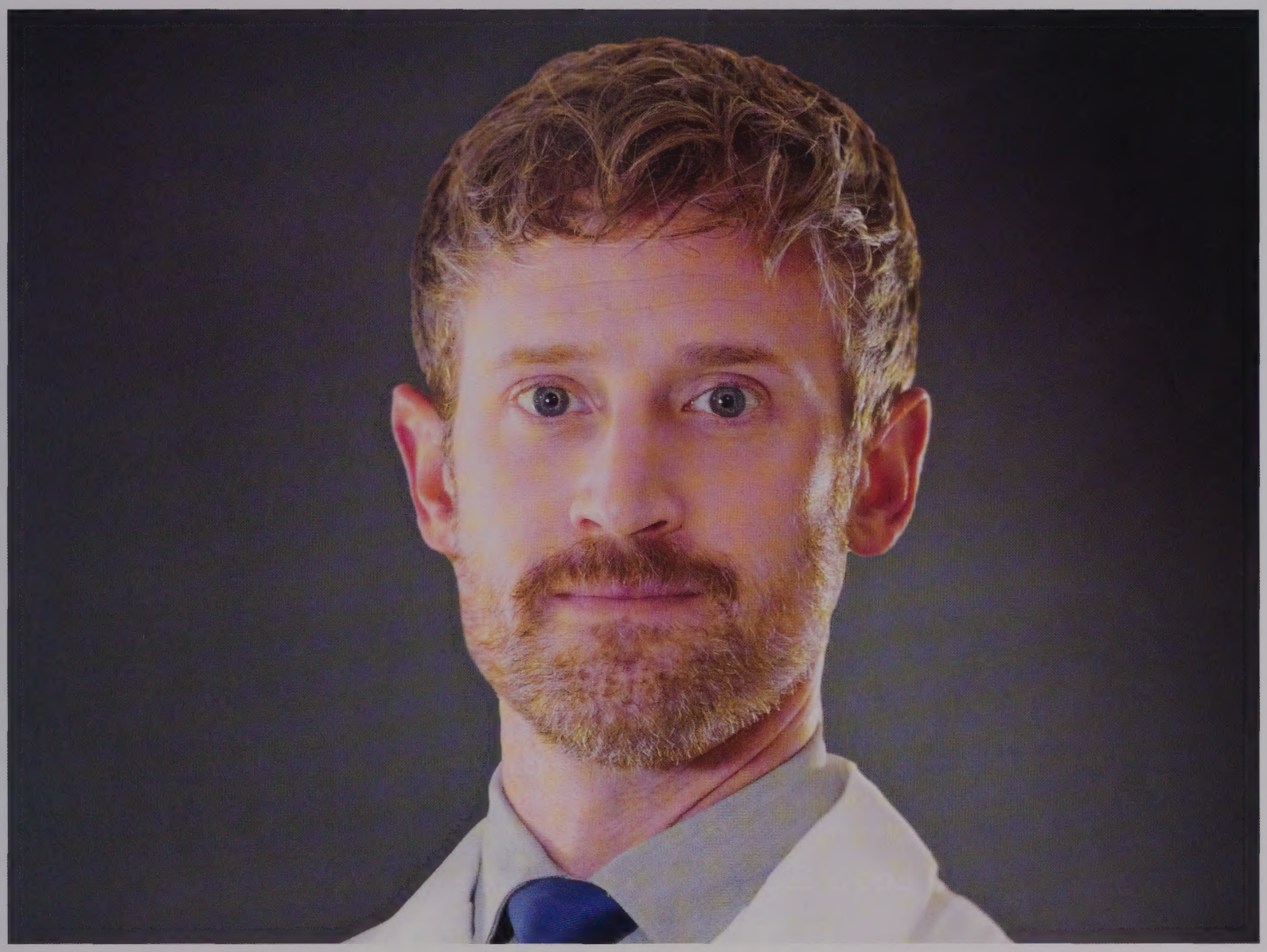

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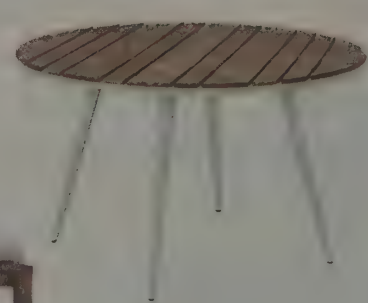

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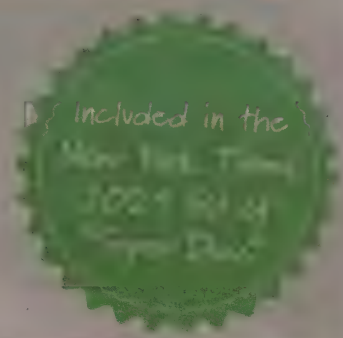

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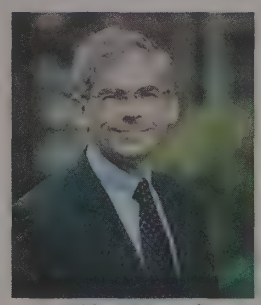
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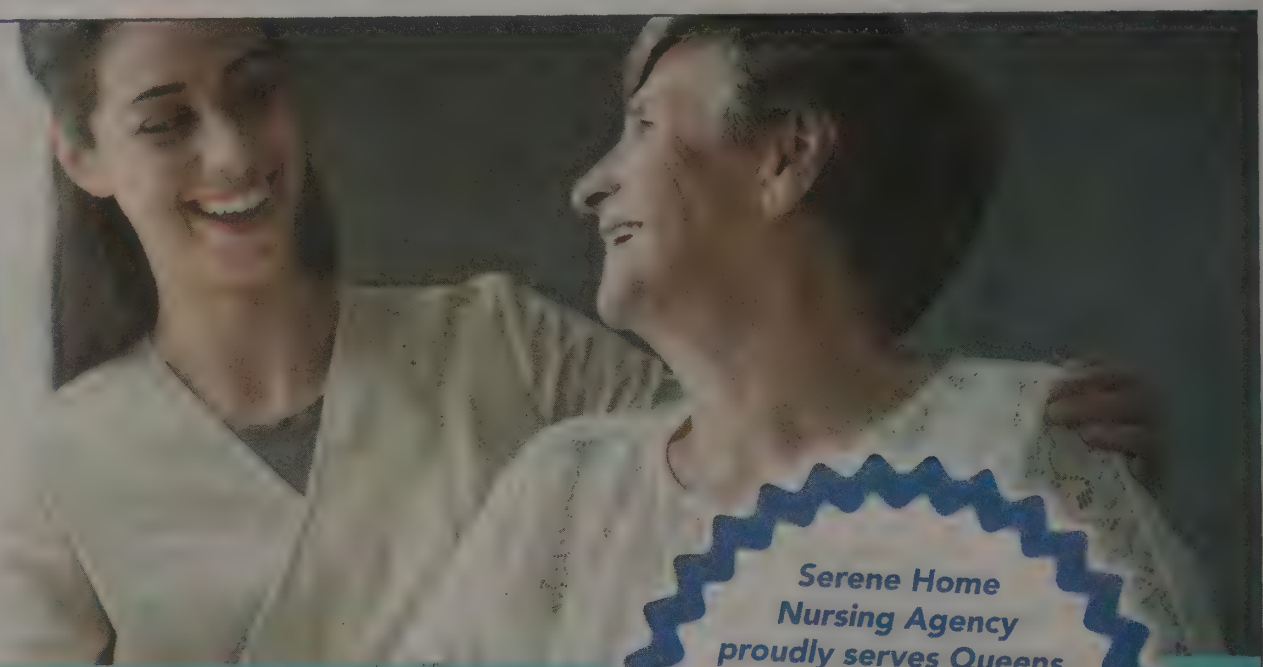

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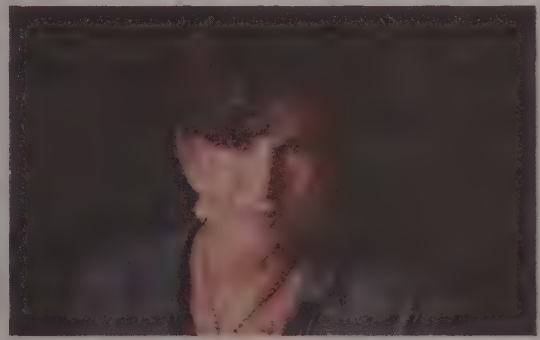
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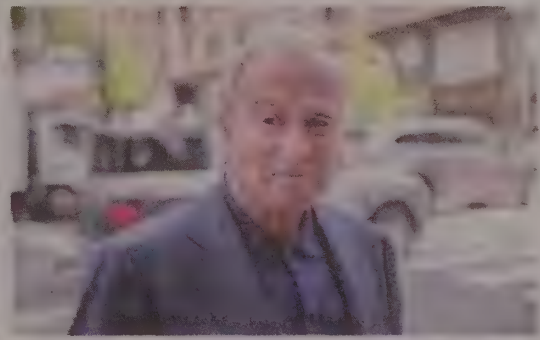
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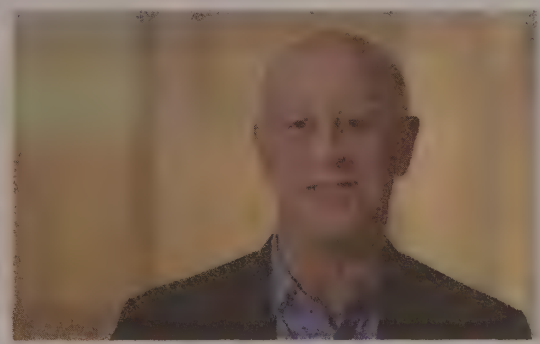
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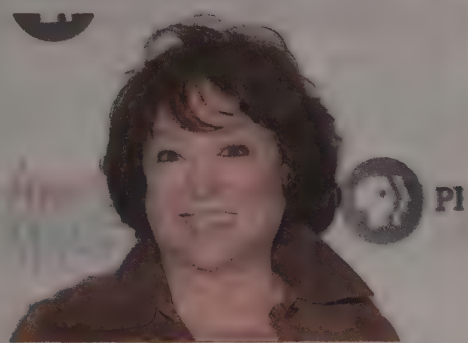
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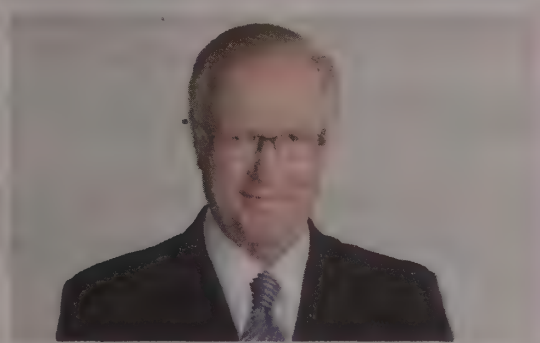
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SOUTH *o' the* HIGHWAY

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MARTHA STEWART

BY FLO ANTHONY

Robert Kraft had an 80th birthday to remember. The festivities began on June 4 at 75 Main in Southampton, where the owner of the New England Patriots was joined by Philadelphia 76ers co-owner **Michael Rubin** for dinner.

Although the billionaire's actual birthday was June 5, on June 6, he found a new blue Bentley near the doorstep of his new $43 million Hamptons mansion, courtesy of Rubin, **Jay-Z** and rapper **Meek Mill**. The men have worked closely together since 2019 when they cofounded the Reform Alliance, which works towards criminal justice and prison reform in the United States.

While HBO Max has not confirmed that any new episodes of *Gossip Girl* were shot in the Hamptons, one of the show's stars **Thomas Doherty** and model **Yasmin Wijnaldum** recently made a couple debut at the Surf Lodge in Montauk. Along with Doherty, the new iteration of *Gossip Girl* will also feature **Jordan Alexander, Eli Brown, Tavi Gevinson, Emily Alyn Lind, Evan Mock, Zion Moreno, Whitney Peak and Savannah Lee Smith.**

The blogosphere is buzzing that after rebounding with **Ben Affleck**, following her break-up with fiance **Alex Rodriguez**, **Jennifer Lopez** is ready to kick off this new chapter in her romantic life by moving to Los Angeles with Affleck. Lopez and Rodriguez, along with her twins Max and Emme, quarantined at her $10 million home in Water Mill during the pandemic in 2020.

Rapper **Flo Rida** was spotted giving live performances on June 6 at Blu Mar and Buddha Lounge in Southampton. *Real Housewives of New York* star **Ramona Singer**'s daughter, **Avery Singer**, was also spotted at Blu Mar celebrating her 26th birthday and former reality star **Jill Zarin** dined at 75 Main in Southampton the weekend of June 4.

Before the Food Network, before celebrity chefs, before **Rachael Ray** there was East Hampton's **Bill Boggs**. "I pioneered the concept of eating and being on television at the same time," he told LTV's **Jean Shafiroff** this week. The segment, launched on his *Midday* program, was eventually pitched to the Food Network. They bit. "I took **Duchess Sarah Ferguson, Whoopi Goldberg, Joan Rivers** all to their favorite restaurants. The Food Network paid me to have lunch with **Sophia Loren**."

Jay-Z, Sylvester Stallone and **Arnold Schwarzenegger**—your new mancave is opening this weekend in Southampton. Besim's Fine Cigars has moved from Jobs Lane to Jagger Lane. "Now across from Stop and Shop you can Stop and Smoke," says owner **Besim Cujak** with a grin. The Fathers Day grand opening will have cigarmaker **Willie Flores** whose family can trace their roots back to Cuba. "All Puff Daddies are welcome to drop by. There's food and a big screen TV so some guys may never leave," Cujak adds. We think he's kidding.

According to **Roger Friedman**'s *Showbiz 411*, **Martha Stewart** is taking leave of the Hamptons once and for all. "To celebrate her exit—she'll still make guest appearances—Stewart was one of the hosts of a mega-A-list Southampton book party for *New York Times* Pulitzer Prize-winning historian and architecture writer **Paul Goldberger** on the site of the historic Atterbury Estate just renovated and put on the market

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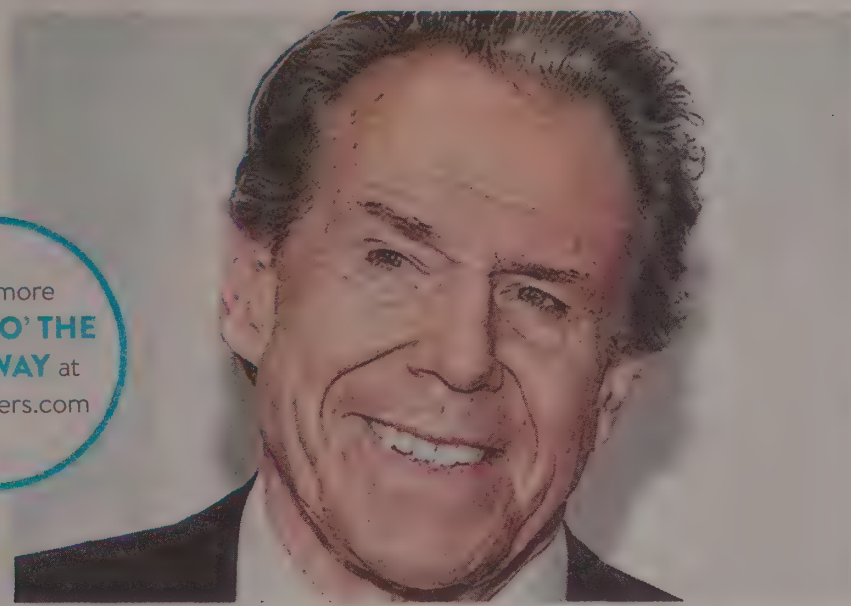

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ALAN ALDA

by Brooklyn DUMBO developer billionaire **David Walentas**," writes Friedman.

In attendance were PR goddess **Peggy Siegal** and **Brooke Shields**. Stewart's home, listed for $8.4 mil, was, according to Friedman, snapped up by "former Huffington Post investor and publisher and one time David Letterman publicist **Kenneth Lerer**."

Overlooking the water, Dockside Restaurant in Sag Harbor drew some true A-listers in for dining on June 12. Four-star Le Bernadin French seafood restaurant chef **Eric Ripert**, his wife Sandra and son, Adrien were spotted enjoying appetizers. Considered one of the most acclaimed chefs in America, Ripert and his family noshed on fried calamari and steamed clams. Award-winning actor and popular podcaster **Alan Alda** and his wife, noted author and photographer **Arlene Alda**, were seated at the table next to the Riperts.

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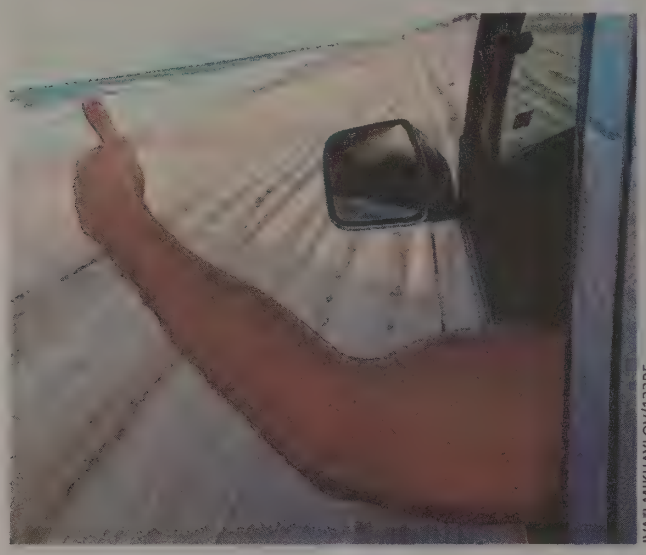

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BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

The Town of East Hampton is begrudgingly enforcing a New York State court order prohibiting off-roaders from driving on Truck Beach in Napeague after the town recently lost a lawsuit over access.

After a panel of appeals court judges in February overturned a lower court's ruling that the beach was public and not private land, the court and town initially still allowed drivers access to go fishing at the about 4,0000-foot stretch of sand west of Napeague State Park. But on June 4 the court granted a group of homeowners a temporary restraining order prohibiting any public access at all, nixing the surf-caster exemption, while the town considers its next move.

"We need to take every step necessary in order to insure our traditional beach access rights, no matter where they are within the township, and I'm committed to using every possible means to do so," East Hampton Town Supervisor Peter Van Scoyoc said at a town board work session on June 8. "But in the interim we're asking the public to just be patient and comply until we get further clarification and chart our next step."

The state Supreme Court rejected in 2016 four homeowners associations' lawsuit claiming that Truck Beach was private, based on an 1882 land sale by the Town Trustees to Arthur Benson, and that ownership was included in subsequent property deeds. But the Appellate Division, Second Judicial Department reversed that ruling this winter.

Van Scoyoc said the town is weighing its legal options. It can appeal the ruling to the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals. It can also initiate condemnation proceedings over the beach to insure public access by taking the land through eminent domain.

If the town succeeds, it would have to pay for the oceanfront property out of its own coffers, as the Community Preservation Fund, an open space acquisition program fed by a 2% real estate transfer tax, cannot be used for condemnations.

"The CPF law expressly prohibits its use for condemnation of land," said state Assemblyman Fred Thiele (I-Sag Harbor), who oversees the program. "Another source of funds would be needed."

BARBARA LASSEN

MELANIE MCEVOY-ZUHOSKI AND KERI STROMSKI

Cancer Fund Named for Late Advocate

BY BRIDGET LEROY

"Stage IV Needs More!" was Keri Lynn Stromski's rallying cry. The beloved Riverhead kindergarten teacher succumbed to breast cancer in early April at the age of 48, but not before becoming a vocal advocate—through her blog and her Facebook posts, through parades and benefits—for those fighting breast cancer far and wide.

On June 3, the North Fork Breast Health Coalition announced that the organization's newest program will be known as the "Keri Lynn Stromski Stage IV Breast Cancer Research and Support Fund." Vice President Melanie McEvoy Zuhoski, accompanied by several members of the NFBHC board of directors and the Stromski family, made the announcement at a varsity girls lacrosse game held at Riverhead High School.

Stomski was a Jamesport resident with her husband, Rob, and three children: Madison, Morgan and Quinn. Rob and their two daughters were there for the announcement (and an associated fundraiser by the team) along with Keri's sister, Jill, and Rob's father.

"Keri was the inspiration for our new Stage IV program," according to Melanie McEvoy Zuhoski, who met her during her own treatment. "She was a strong advocate for metastatic breast cancer patients and raised everyone's awareness about the need for more research that would give Stage IV patients a better chance for a longer life."

The North Fork Breast Health Coalition initiated the Keri Lynn Stromski Stage IV Breast Cancer Research and Support Fund with funds raised from the organization's first Pink Pearl Raffle. It was a socially distanced event held at the organization's sanitized office in early spring, which was usually the time the annual Pink Pearl Gala would have been held.

"We have expanded our mission," says Susan Ruffini, NFBHC president. "The Stage IV Fund will provide financial support to oncologists who are treating local patients and are actively doing cutting edge research on extending and saving lives of Stage IV breast cancer patients. The new fund will also support Stage IV thrivers who often have unexpected costs and expenses associated with their treatment."

For more information,visit northforkbreasthealth.org.

NEWS & VIEWS

LTV Wins Award

BY BRIDGET LEROY

Local TV Inc., known as LTV, in Wainscott, received a 2021 Hometown Media Award from the Alliance for Community Media Foundation. The awards program was established to honor and promote community media, community radio and local cable programs that are distributed on public, educational and governmental access cable television channels.

Proceeds go to the ACM Foundation, which is exclusively used for facilitating, preserving and promoting education in community media.

LTV received first place for its program *East End Underground*, in the category of Entertainment and Arts series. The show features Long Island original music performances and focuses primarily on East End talent. The show recently reached its 50th performance, all of which can be seen on the LTV YouTube page or via ltveh.org

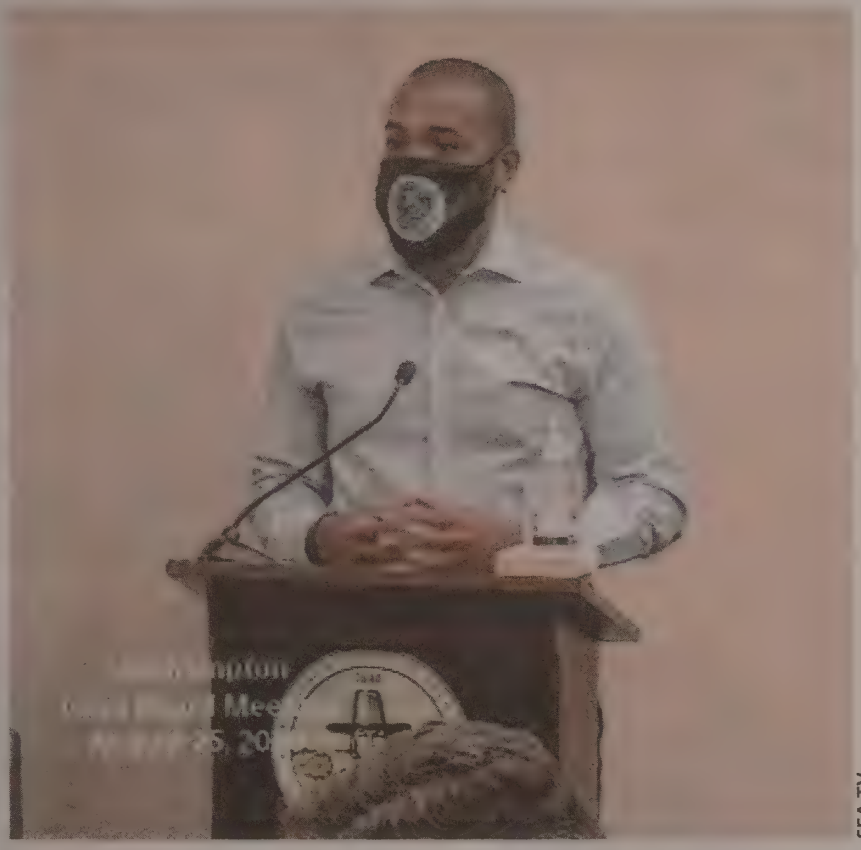
"*East End Underground* is a great example of the talent out here," says Michael Clark, LTV's executive director. "Not only does it highlight the musicianship but it also shows the work of the dedicated folks behind the scenes at LTV. This is a proud moment for us."

ELLEN WATSON

LISA BONNER AND SARAH GREENE ON "EAST END UNDERGROUND."

Southampton Town OKs Shinnecock Burial Site Preservation

BY WILLIAM SULLIVAN



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BRYAN POLITE, CHAIRMAN OF THE SHINNECOCK TRIBAL COUNCIL

The Southampton Town Board unanimously approved on June 8 a measure that will protect the Schinnecock Indian Nation's ancestral burial grounds from developers.

Members of the Shinnecock Nation have been trying to protect for years the land known as Sugar Loaf Hill located on Montauk Highway in Southampton. The private property will be purchased by the Peconic Land Trust, which will demolish the home on the hill and return it to its natural state.

"I think it is a significant step forward in terms of recognizing some of the harm that has been done, but also in terms of taking a small step toward cleansing a historic wound that is quite deep," Southampton Town Supervisor Jay Schneiderman said.

Shinnecock Nation Chairman Bryan Polite cheered the decision along with fellow tribe members and supporters, including Pink Floyd singer Roger Waters, who has a house in Bridgehampton.

"I cannot express enough how appreciative the Shinnecock Nation is for this town board to put away some of the past friction between the Shinnecock Nation and our neighbors," Polite said.

Peconic Land Trust's founder John v.H. Halsey said the nonprofit will work with the tribe on how to preserve the land.

"It is our intent to manage this land with the Shinnecock people, the ultimate stewards, as a place for their ancestors to rest in peace, as well as a place for the public to enjoy its beauty and to learn about the history and culture of the Shinnecock Nation," Halsey said.

Get Vaxed, Enter NoFo TV Fest Ticket Raffle

BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

In an effort to encourage anyone who has been reluctant to get their COVID-19 vaccine to finally roll up their sleeves, Suffolk County officials announced June 15 that those who get vaccinated will be entered to win tickets to the North Fork TV Festival.

Residents who get vaccinated at one of the county-run vaccine sites will automatically be entered into a raffle for movie showings and events during the sixth annual festival in Greenport, which runs from August 4 to 6.

"In Suffolk County we are getting creative to give our residents who may be a little hesitant the nudge they need to keep our communities safe and healthy," said Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone. "By getting vaccinated at a county site, not only are you protecting yourself and your loved ones, now you will have the chance to score tickets to this world-class event."

Five pairs of tickets will be reserved for randomly selected participants. Winners must be older than 18.

To date, more than 846,000 Suffolk County residents have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. The county is also offering vouchers for beer, wine, and spirits to those who get vaccinated, with a number of East End establishments participating.

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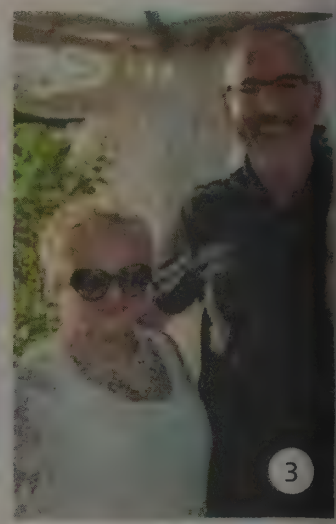

Dan's Papers celebrates Pride Month at Calissa

Dan's Papers celebrated Pride Month and its Out East End column, which highlights LGBTQ+-focused stories and people at a meet-n-mingle for the community and friends held at the beautiful courtyard at Calissa in Water Mill.

New York State Assemblywoman Rebecca Seawright presented a citation to *Dan's Papers* President and Copublisher Victoria Schneps, and Vice President of Features and Events Angela LaGreca, who writes the column.

The event celebrated the Out East End LGBTQ+ community and friends, and the opening of the new Edie Windsor Health Care Center in Hampton Bays.

Guests dined on Greek delights and sipped Veuve Clicquot and local wines.

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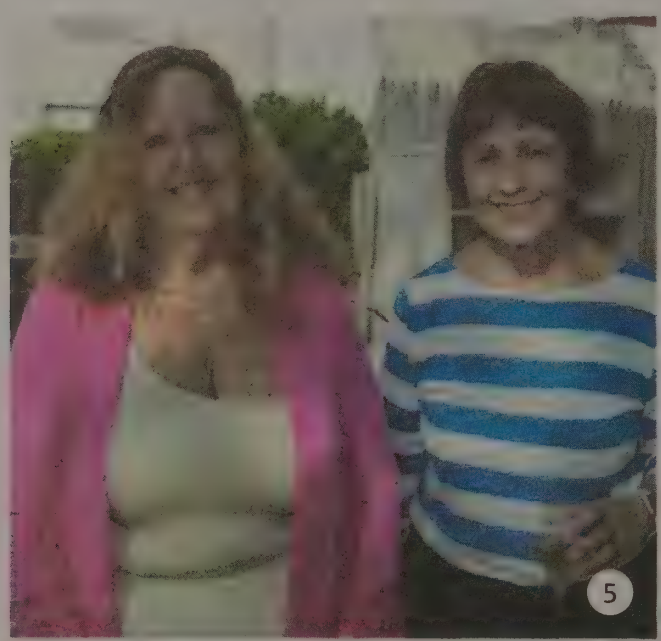

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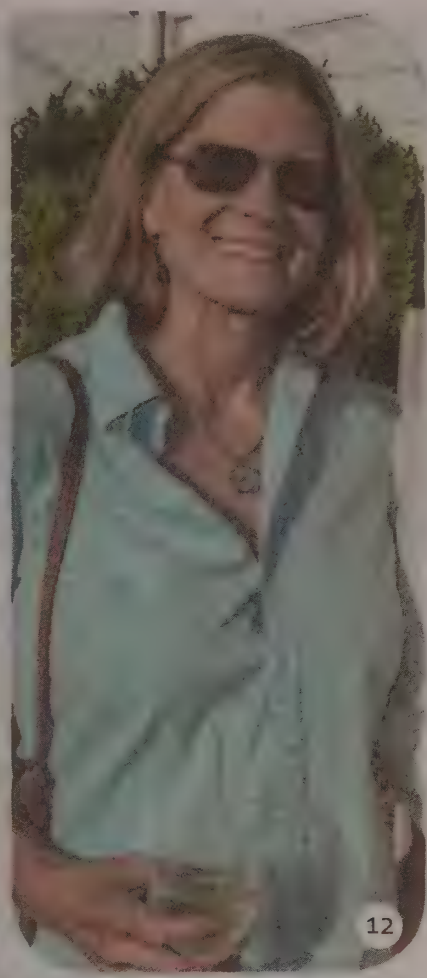

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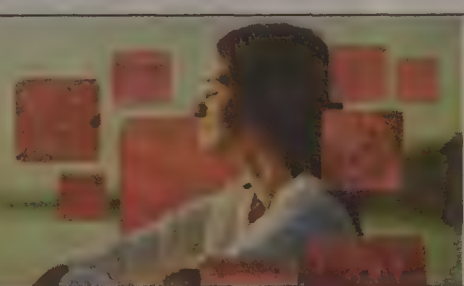

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A Saturday Stroll Through Southhampton Village

The Village of Southampton was a popular location this weekend for locals and visitors alike. The Southampton Rose Society held its 44th Annual Rose Show at the Rogers Memorial Library. Participating retailers on Main Street and Jobs Lane displayed beautiful rose-themed storefront arrangements to celebrate their first annual Southampton Rose Day. A Ross Girl's En Plein Air pop-up on the West Lawn of Southampton Arts Center was a popular spot to shop the curated collection of exclusives.
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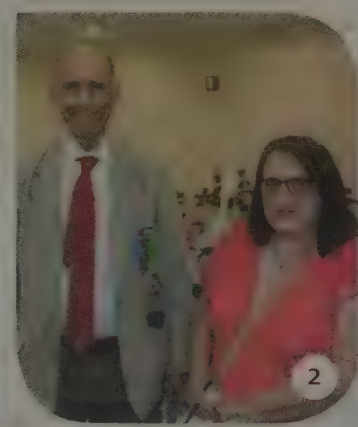

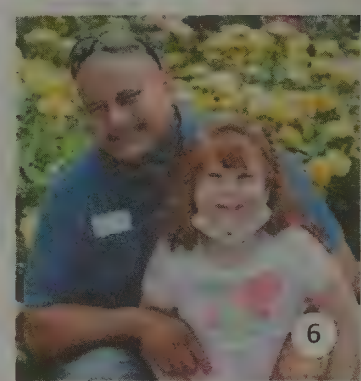

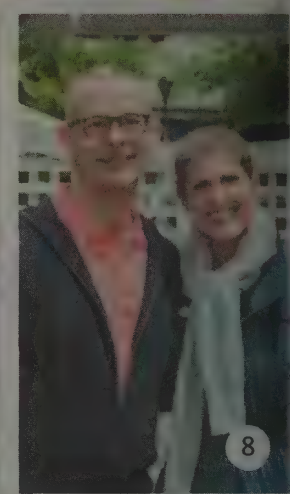

1. Carey Lowell, Holly Parmelee, Brooke Shields
2. Louis Arce, Mary Ann Rink
3. Valerie Hanley, Rose Show Chair
4. Katie Leede, Kelsey Dobyns
5. Amanda Ross Bacon
6. Jorge L. Maya, Allison
7. Michael Wood
8. Jim Berkrot, Lisa Vahradian

The Clubhouse Hamptons First Annual Live Mural and Graffiti Competition

Clubhouse Hamptons collaborated with White Room Gallery and Rich Mothes Studio to present itshr first annual live mural and graffiti competition. World-renowned artist Eric Fischl and White Room Gallery selected the overall winner of the event.
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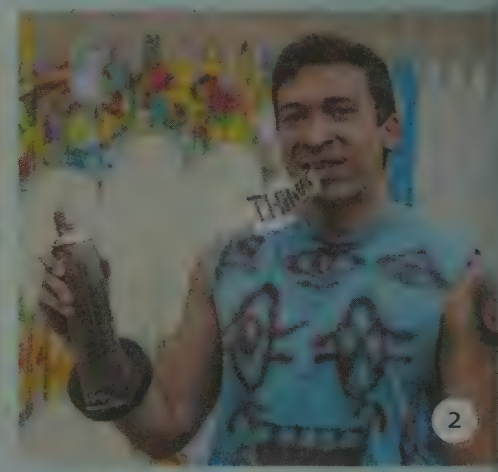
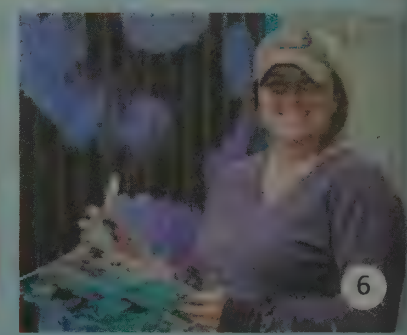




1. Eric Fischl, Matt Rubenstein, Rich Mothes
2. Brandon Hernandez
3. Matt Classens
4. Matthew Brophy
5. Candice Flewharty
6. Diane Hallock

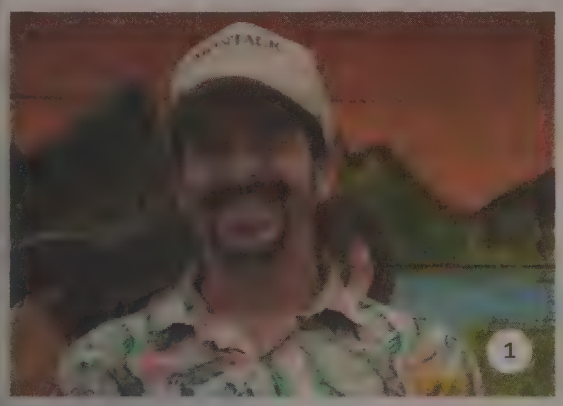
Greek Night Out

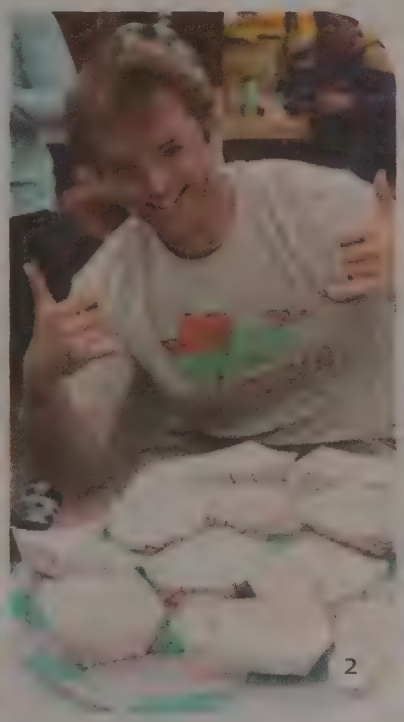
The Greek Orthodox Church of the Hamptons held Greek Night Out this past weekend. The family fun event offered dining on the lawn and take away orders. Members of the youth ministry performed a special dance as guests dined under the stars.
Photographs by Barbara Lassen

1. Fr. Alex Karloutsos, John Catsimatidis, Madeline Singas, Margot Catsimatidis, Theo Apostolou
2. Dr. Peter Michalos, Koustantinos Koutras
3. Father Constantine Lazarakis, Father Andrew Cadieux

Mattitaco Celebrates Its 3rd Anniversary

A full day of activities were held to celebrate the third anniversary of Mattitaco in Mattituck. Live performances, a taco eating contest and a "Name the Whale" contest were enjoyed by all who attended. Owner Justin Schwartz and his team served their delicious food throughout the event.
Photographs by Donna Pradas





1. Justin Schwartz owner and chef chef at Mattitaco
2. Jack Fink, the taco eating contest winner ate 13 tacos in 5 minutes
3. Mike Vitale of Austin Eastciders
4. Joe Pradas

Southampton Hospital Foundation Previews Gala

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital will hold its 63rd Annual Summer Party on July 10. In anticipation of their gala, they held a special preview at Ornare in Southampton.
Photographs by Lisa Tamburini

1. Steve Bernstein, Leah Bardwil, Michael Linbrunner, Christine Cassamassino, Kellie Picinich
2. Jean Shafiroff, Mirella Cameran-Reilly, Fabiola Bacelar

Shipwrecks at Guild Hall

Guild Hall is presenting Alexis Rockman: Shipwrecks, an exhibition of new paintings and works on paper by the American artist. Rockman looks at the world's waterways as a network for all of history. Exhibition Curator Andrea Grover is also the Executive Director of Guild Hall. The exhibition is on view until July 26.
Photographs by Barry Gordin

1. Alexis Rockman, executive director Andrea Grover, Marty Cohen, chairman of Guild Hall
2. Board Member and famed Food Writer Florence Fabricant

A Night in Camelot

A Night in Camelot was a sold-out performance in Sag Harbor. Hosts Tracy Mitchell and Blaze Makoid welcomed special guests, Bay Street Theater founders Emma Walton Hamilton and Steve Hamilton. Richard Kind was the special performer.
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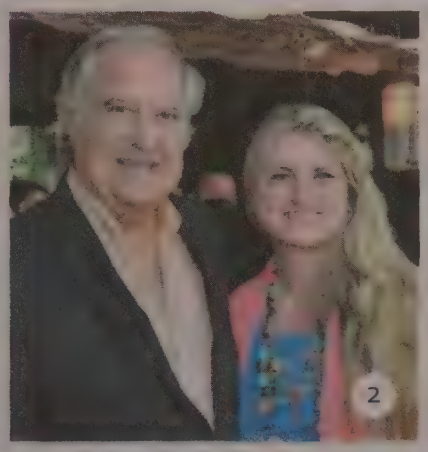
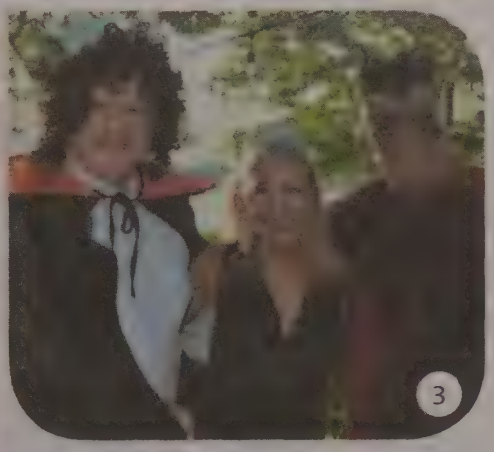
1. Steve Hamilton, Emma Walton Hamilton, Richard Kind
2. Stewart Lane, Bonnie Comley
3. Bruce T. Sloane, Tracy Mitchell, Douglas C Petri





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More Hamptons

BY DAN RATTINER

On May 27, the East Hampton Town Board voted unanimously to solve the horrendous traffic problem observed over each Memorial Day Weekend by creating more Hamptons. As a result, the number of Hamptons villages and hamlets will increase from the current 20 to 35. The new ones will be at the western end of Suffolk County so motorists can get to one of the new Hamptons before they get to the old ones further east which are, frankly, full up.

The new Hamptons will come into being in two ways. One way is to put new Hamptons in Brookhaven farm fields. These should be ready by the summer season of 2022.

An immediate way to create new Hamptons was approved, however. The existing towns in the west end of the county will voluntarily become Hamptons simply by changing their names. Smithtown will be renamed Smith Hampton. Mastic will become Sunrise Hamptons and Calverton will become Hampton Farms. Other villages approved for this change by the Hampton Council include Center Moriches, East Moriches, Patchogue, Medford, Yaphank, Miller Place, Manorville, Shirley, Holbrook, Bohemia, Sayville and Ronkonkoma. Urged on by their chambers of commerce, representatives of all these communities attended this meeting as guests and agreed to immediately make the change. The 11 new villages of Hampton Cliffs, Hampton Roads, Hampton Valley, Hampton Flats, Hampton by the Bay, Whale Ho Hampton, Surf Hampton, Hampton by the Fencepost, Literary Hampton, Art Hampton and Hampton Wind respectively will have the change in place by the Fourth of July weekend this year. With this approval, sign painters can now work furiously creating signs along the Long Island Expressway beginning at Exit 60 indicating the new names of these communities.

With this in place, it is expected that as many as 1 million new carloads of eastbound people per day will exit the Long Island Expressway earlier and spend their days in the new group of Hamptons, thus relieving the traffic pressure on the real Hamptons farther east.

Of course, nothing happens at these Hampton town board meetings without some sort of cost. And it took nearly five hours of discussion to figure out ways to pay for this.

The new Hamptons being built in empty fields will be constructed by building contractors receiving part of President Biden's new $2 trillion infrastructure spending bundle.

The existing towns taking on the Hamptons name will pay between $10 and $15 million as a one-time charge to the cluster of village and town governments in the old Hamptons. In exchange, the four largest communities changing their names will be the recipients of four of the five 19th-century wooden windmills that currently stand in East Hampton Town. All the other new communities will receive replica windmills created to be duplicates of the four being moved, with minor details changed so as to give surface individuality.

Representatives of the "new" Hamptons fought long and hard to get these windmills, both real and fake. One at a time, they insisted they couldn't be a Hampton unless they had a windmill, either in their community or in an adjacent community.

For a long time during this extended meeting, the holdup was from the representatives from East Hampton who were reluctant to give up four of the five windmills in that town. (The East Hampton windmills are at Wainscott in the Georgica Association, at the east end of Main Street at Hook Mill, at the west end of Main Street at Home Sweet Home, at the former Gardiner property at the cemetery and on Gardiners Island on the shoreline facing Springs.) So the outcome hinged on the cooperation of the Town of East Hampton.

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THE OLD HOOK WINDMILL IN EAST HAMPTON CAN STAY

The meeting got pretty rowdy for a half-hour during which the representatives from East Hampton had to survive being called a bunch of names including "hog," "spoilsport" and "Democrat," but in the end, after realizing that the weekend was approaching and horrendous traffic was once again building, they realized they might not even be able to get home at the end of the meeting, and so finally, they gave way and reluctantly agreed that Wainscott, Gardiners Island, Gardiner and Home Sweet Home would have to go and they could keep the Hook Mill on the triangle in the very center of town.

A few other matters were dealt with quickly after the applause died down with this main agreement.

It was decided that the two-year-old left-turn hat program, where motorists pay $150 to obtain and wear a red baseball cap with the letter "L" on it so motorists without the hats will give way when the hat wearer signals a left turn, was a complete failure and these hats should be rounded up and burned in a bonfire.

A proposal by Shelter Island officials was passed, stating that the Island should never be considered a Hampton. The Island's mill is on the Sylvester Manor property.

And the new parking regulations going into effect beginning on the Friday of Memorial Day weekend, where motorists in East Hampton and Sag Harbor Village can park only by registering a parking space on an app was officially approved.

Also approved for discussion at the next council meeting next week is a proposal to consider renaming "North Fork" as "Hamptons Fork." The communities of Aquebogue, Greenport, East Marion, Orient and Southold are in favor. But New Suffolk, Cutchogue, Mattituck, Northville and Nassau Point either oppose or are on the fence.

Also on the agenda for the next meeting is a proposal to change the name of Sunrise Highway to Sunset Highway, which will thus encourage motorists to consider driving west back to the city rather than east to the sunrise and Montauk.

Thus the meeting ended and everyone rushed out to their cars.

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African American Museum Opens

BY BRIDGET LEROY

It's been a long/A long time coming/But I know, a change gonna come. — Sam Cooke

Brenda Simmons beams as she discusses the opening of the Southampton African American Museum on June 19, or Juneteenth. But there is also more than a twinge of exhaustion. As Sam Cooke says, it's been a long time coming. But now, through stops and starts and more stops and more starts, the former barber shop and hair cutting salon on North Sea Road, known as Randy's Barbershop and as a gathering spot for the black community over decades, will now open its doors to the public as a museum celebrating the African American community in the Hamptons.

Juneteenth recognizes the day that the last enslaved people were emancipated on June 19, 1865. For many, it is considered this country's true Independence Day, and an auspicious time to open the museum.

The barbershop and women's haircutting salon had two different entrances—one for the men and one for the women. Simmons, executive director of SAAM, should know. Her aunt, Evelyn Baxter, ran the beauty shop, and Brenda spent her childhood hanging out there, answering phones, running to the deli for the employees, and has fond memories of the building and the people.

On one wall of the museum is a mural by Shinnecock artist David Bunn Martine, which memorializes many of the people who lived and worked and died here, including Simmons's Aunt Evelyn, and her dad, Noah Simmons, who was the cook at the Cottage Inn in East Hampton, a juke joint visited in its day by luminaries such as James Brown and the Lovin' Spoonful.

Although the mural is officially being unveiled on June 18 at a VIP event prior to the opening, we were allowed to see a few images, including Emanuel Seymore, who, Simmons says, as she points, is "the most important person, right there."

During the Great Migration in the 1940s, where many families of color left the Southern states for the North, Seymore ended up in Southampton.

"He purchased this land, and built this himself," Simmons says, her voice filled with emotion. "I like to say he came here with a dream and a plan, and anointed hands."

The small (by Hamptons standards) building sits on a lot that was

EMANUEL SEYMORE IN A DAVID MARTINE MURAL AT SAAM.

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purchased in 1952 by Seymore, who bought the property from Percy Kingsberry for $10.

"There's a story there, I'm sure," says Simmons with a smile.

And the museum holds many stories and the rich history of the African American community in the Hamptons.

There's Pyrrhus Concer (1814-1897), who, according to Taylor Vecsey in an article in *Dan's Papers* "was born in Southampton on March 17, 1814 to his enslaved mother, Violet. Concer inherited her status as the property of Captain Nathan Cooper, who would sell him five years later to the Pelletreau family for $25 (equivalent to $513 today). When he was freed as an adult, he became a 'greenie' whaler and moved up the ranks to the vital role of boatsteerer."

His portrait, as imagined by Martine, depicts him as half-man, half-whale.

There is much to look at in the mural, including more recent stories about Randy Conquest, who is painted into the mural more than once.

"In 1969, Conquest had the opportunity to open a shop in Southampton on Maple Avenue near the railroad station," writes Valerie Bando-Meinken. "Randy's Barbershop became the first African American barber shop in the community. The shop became a social meeting place as customers enjoyed its friendly, comfortable, and welcoming atmosphere.

"'We had a lot of hangers-on,' Conquest said. 'They'd come in and get a haircut and share funny stories. One day, 'Bub' Seymour told us about the time Sugar Ray Robinson's training guy couldn't make it to the workout. They told Bub to get in the ring with Ray and Ray hit him so hard that he thought he'd never get up! We were never short of good stories.'"

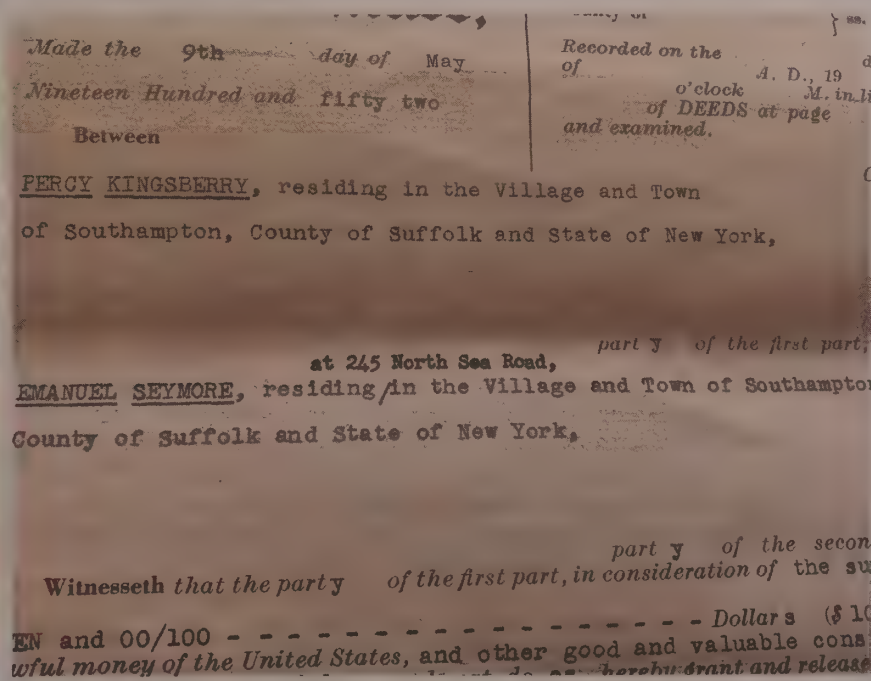
PYRRHUS CONCER, A WHALER, SOUTHAMPTON RESIDENT AND FORMER SLAVE, IS DEPICTED IN THE MURAL BY DAVID MARTINE.

And those stories, Simmons says, are being put on tape as well, for posterity.

In the meantime, the museum opens its doors with artifacts of all ages celebrating the African American community, including an art show curated by Peter Marino from his private collection, and a barbecue on the opening day.

"There's so much more, and it took so much to get here" says Simmons, with emotion, then beaming again. "But it's a good start."

The Southampton African American Museum is located at 245 North Sea Road, Southampton. Learn more and make an appointment online to visit at saamuseum.org.



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OPINION

East Hampton Airport's Environmental Impact

BY BARRY RAEBECK

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EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT IN WAINSCOTT

The most egregious sole-source environmental problem on the East End of Long Island and the largest contributor to climate deterioration is East Hampton Airport.

The aircraft using this facility generate approximately 51.5 million pounds of carbon emissions annually, a hugely negative amount, equivalent to 30,000 households each burning 57 propane tanks per year. Unimaginably, piston engine planes still use leaded fuel (avgas), which is doubly poisonous. Lead is particularly harmful to children, including those going to preschool right next to the airport. Air pollution impacts all of us.

In addition to air pollution, fire-retardant foam used earlier at the airport during crashes and drills is responsible for seriously contaminating our aquifer while ruining hundreds of individual wells, resulting in the creation of a New York State Superfund site with a cleanup cost of $32 million and growing. The incessant loud, low-flying aircraft also create noise and visual pollution, impinging on the mental well-being of thousands of Long Islanders beneath the flight paths on both forks and all the way to New York City. In 2019 there were 50,000 complaints from nearly 600 households on the East End alone. *Stop the Chop NJ/NY* has noted that much of the incessant helicopter traffic is destined for East Hampton. They hate it too.

Ominously, there is the constant threat of a crash that could kill citizens in their homes as well as instigate a wildfire that might quickly burn out of control. There have been seven documented crashes at or near East Hampton since 2004, and who knows how many near misses. More than once I have seen three different types of aircraft flying in three different directions right over our home. East Hampton is the only airport I know of where aircraft routinely fly in and fly out on the same flight paths, relying solely on visual distancing. Insane is what a sane person would call this.

Currently, there are 20,000 operations a year, many of them large jets and helicopters with just one, or even no passengers if returning, generating an enormous and unnecessary carbon footprint. Even with the pandemic, total flights were only down 15% for 2020 (after years of continuing increases), and year-round daily commuting rose significantly, as KHTO has expanded from a seasonal to a year-round travel hub. Those impacted have no safe and quiet days–ever.

The New York Times has stated that the wealthiest 1% of the population generate more carbon emissions than the bottom 50% combined. The airport is used by a miniscule, though highly entitled, percentage of the population, few of whom are year-round residents, all of whom could get to the East End by other travel means. The primary economic benefit goes to out-of-town operators and the sole aviation fuel business, which pumps nearly one million gallons of jet and leaded fuel at the airport each year. There is no genuine economic justification for the Town to continue enabling this pollution. This is really about the "pollution of convenience", and the environment and those living in it be damned.

Now aircraft operators will tell you of the great economic benefit of the airport, in addition to their charitable acts of flying puppies in. However, in the very report that they commissioned from their consulting firm, EBP, the economic benefit figure arrived at was $77 million. That may sound like a lot of money, but it is actually just 3% of the economy of the East End, again using EBP's own numbers. And it falsely assumes that every person coming via the airport would not come if the airport were not available. One would more logically assume that at least half of those folks would still visit the Hamptons, but by other means. That reduces the "economic benefit" to 1.5%. Thus, the true benefit is negligible. (These figures have been confirmed by East Hampton Town's own economic impact study.)

And what about the harmful economic impact of the airport: the air and water and lead pollution, the psychological toll of unhealthy noise levels, the reduced property values and tax revenues of thousands of homes in the flight paths, the unavailability of 570 acres of public land, and all the potential jobs that would be created if that land were repurposed for the common good? All that is simply ignored in their "study".

Resistance to environmental preservation routinely cloaks itself in fear of untenable economic damage. However, a clean and healthy natural environment has been the single most essential economic driver of the East End for well over a century. Unbridled development, human folly, and an out-of-control airport are truer threats to our economy and to our community itself. I'm not recommending that we close the bays and beaches for goodness' sake, but rather that we once again allow people to enjoy them in natural tranquility, as they used to be so treasured.

In East Hampton Town's discussions of environmental sustainability, the recent call for a "Climate Emergency," and the resultant end to all unnecessary carbon emissions, we surely must deal with the greatest polluter in our midst. For anyone truly concerned about the climate crisis, reducing unnecessary carbon emissions has to be the primary goal, yes? Then we can enact a long overdue solution to our transportation problem by building a low impact high speed rail line from NYC.

At this time, with the Town of East Hampton regaining full control of KHTO in September 2021, environmental advocates and beleaguered citizens are calling for an essential re-envisioning that would turn our biggest polluter into arguably our greatest environmental achievement. This is hardly an extreme position; it is common sense. To close the airport and transform the available portion of the vast property into unspoiled, safe and quiet habitat, nature centers, hiking and biking trails, recreational spaces, community gardening, green businesses, a solar field, and reforested areas with native species, would be the finest measure for East End preservation in decades—as well as a powerful national example as we move toward solving the global climate crisis.

Barry Raebeck is cofounder of Quiet Skies Coalition and then *Say No to KHTO.*

OPINION

East Hampton Airport:

An Umbilical Cord for East End Jobs, Municipal Revenues, Philanthropy and Disaster Preparedness

BY PETER MICHALOS, MD

GORDON GRANT

A MEDIVAC AWAITS A PATIENT AT EAST HAMPTON AIRPORT

Full disclosure; I am not a pilot, nor do I own a plane or helicopter. I am a full time resident of the Hamptons for more than 30 years. I practice medicine here and run a not-for-profit dedicated to supporting the medical needs of our community, our hospitals and our first responders.

I am writing this letter to caution all those involved in seeking the closure of East Hampton Airport to "be careful what you wish for." While increased usage of the airport, particularly helicopter usage, is reflective of the growth of the Hamptons and does come with additional challenges, a common sense approach to mitigating such challenges needs to prevail. Closing one of the most important and irreplaceable elements of critical infrastructure on eastern Long Island is not a sensible solution to address the nuisance complaints being raised by a group of adjacent property owners who voluntarily chose to buy property next to an airport. Such purchases were made at lower prices that reflected each property's location being proximate to an industrial economic development zone anchored by a busy airport. While I am sensitive to seeing what can be sensibly and reasonably done to address any fact-driven complaints, let us make sure this does not become a case of seeking a property value windfall for a small group of owners at the expense of the entire community. As I will briefly describe below, the airport has a wide ranging set of economic, employment, preparedness, and life safety functions, the loss of which affects thousands of people throughout the Hamptons.

A quick history: The airport was constructed in 1936-1937 under the federal Work Projects Administration (WPA), and has been continuously running as a municipal airport since that time. Of interesting historical note, during the years 1945-1949, the airport was operated by two women, Charlotte Niles and Margaret Lowell-Wallace, who were World War II Woman Aviation Service Pilot veterans. The airport was always intended to serve as a vital economic engine for the growth of the area. The airport was expanded in 1942 to its current runway lengths with $500,000 in funding provided by the Civil Aeronautics Authority and the U.S. Department of Commerce. The last report I saw on the economic contributions of the airport was completed by New York University in 2013. Although now dated, and probably significantly understated, at that time the airport represented about 8% of the town's total employment, approximately $13 million in local payroll contribution and more than $48 million in local economic revenue. Given the growth in airport usage and the growth in the adjacent industrial park since the date of that report, I would venture a guess that the numbers are substantially higher as of 2021. Given that the proposed 2021 Town of East Hampton Budget is $82.6 million, the size and importance of the economic contributions being generated by the airport alone come into sharp focus.

Is anyone proposing to study the economic, community, and personal impacts a closure would trigger? The permanent loss of good paying jobs, the resulting family financial failures, a substantial loss of revenue to the town, lost emergency functions capability, declining local merchant revenues, and lost philanthropy and community support are all to be expected and should be carefully quantified before any closure decision be seriously considered. Likewise, would the town then turn around and substantially increase the property assessments of those signing the nuisance complaints to offset these dramatic losses to the community? What about the longtime tax-paying residents whose livelihoods, homes and families are dependent on employment associated with the operations of the airport? Where do their lives and their children's lives get studied in a closure decision? I have spent a great deal of my non-practice time over the last three decades raising funds for medical causes. The last 15 months of COVID on the East End has involved the busiest and deepest outreach for philanthropy I have ever undertaken to provide PPE, ventilators, Covid testing, medical transportation, nursing assistance, and specialist care to every affected person in our community. The enormity of the funds we raised would not have been possible without the philanthropy of many of the users of East Hampton Airport. These same families, individuals and companies are also the ones that give generously over the years to local land preservation organizations, local churches and synagogues, clean water causes, children's initiatives, the arts organizations, and animal welfare. Let us be wise and be studied before a closure decision based on noise and scheduling is made (which are mitigatable and subject to improvement from technological advances), which decision could lead us to a place of irreconcilable losses that are not mitigatable.

Fellow community members, this is not a time for emotional or premature decision making. The claims that have been raised should be examined, understood and solutions crafted. Such solutions would ideally include both current best practices and soon to be available technologies as deemed feasible. My brief investigation of technology in development, some with near-term deployment dates, include much quieter and more efficient helicopters, and next-generation electric flying vehicles being developed by several companies that are intended to launch well before the end of the decade (think helicopter replacement 2.0). What is normal and noisy now is well on its way to being obsolete in the very near future. Therefore, I encourage the various parties to come together on ways to improve the airport and its capabilities to support all of us on the East End, rather than to seek its closure for the benefit of a few.

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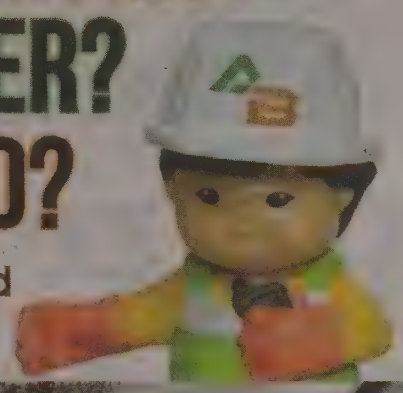

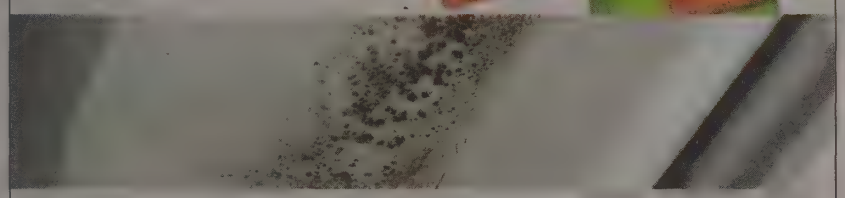

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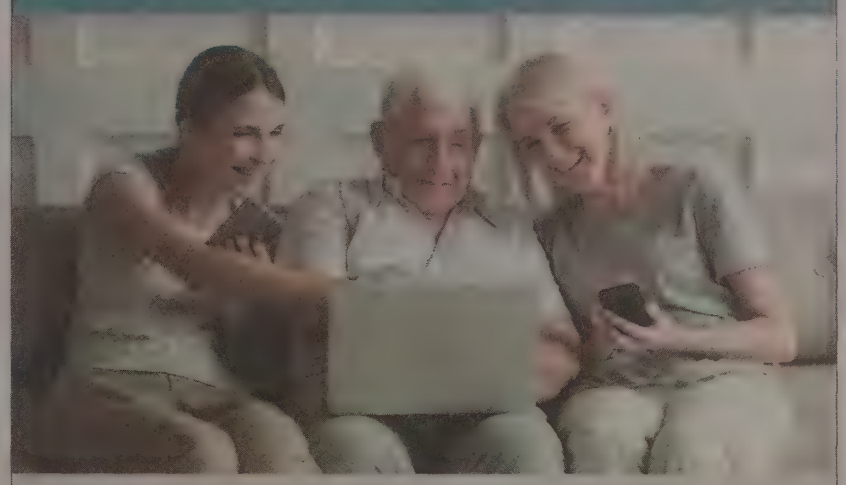

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Home on East Hampton's Lily Pond Lane Lists for $69 Million

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY & RICK MURPHY

A striking oceanfront home on East Hampton's prestigious Lily Pond Lane just hit the market for the first time in 75 years. The asking price: $69 million.

Known as "Cima Del Mundo," Spanish for "top of the world," the home at 201 Lily Pond Lane is listed with Ed Petrie and James Petrie of Compass. The Spanish colonial-style abode sits on 2.7 acres with 400 feet of ocean frontage, situated so it offers views towards Georgica Beach.

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The eight-bedroom, seven-and-a-half bath home also offers view north across Lily Pond with protected views enhanced by what Compass says is East Hampton's only ha-ha wall, a recessed landscape design element that creates a vertical barrier while preserving an uninterrupted view of the landscape.

The home was originally built in 1925, and underwent design renovations in 1994 under the direction of William Hodgins, one of the country's leading interior designs who died in 2019.

"A grand yet inviting interior is designed for the ultimate indoor/outdoor living," the listing's description explains. "The gracious entry foyer with impeccable tile work and striking curved stairway introduce the refined finishes throughout."

The home features a large eat-in kitchen, five fireplaces, a study, a double-height living room and a three-and-a-half garage. Extensive terraces and a second-floor deck offer unparalleled panoramic ocean views, including sunsets over Lily Pond.

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A pool can be found oceanside, along with a pool house.

Petrie's team declined to comment.

[Listing: 201 Lily Pond Lane, East Hampton |Broker: Ed Petrie, Compass] GMAP

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In Contract:

10,000-Square-Foot Post-Modern From Breskin Development

COURTESY OF DOUGLAS ELLIMAN

BY TAYLOR K. VECSEY

Breskin Development's latest project at 557 Mitchell Lane in Bridgehampton has found a buyer. The last ask: $12.25 million.

Erica Grossman and Linn Turecamo of Douglas Elliman Real Estate represented the 10,000-square-foot home, built by the Water Mill-based developers in 2021.

The post-modern, gabled-style house sits on a two-acre property flanked by a reserve on two sides. There are eight bedrooms, eight full bathrooms, and two half baths, three levels of living space, and lots of detail.

Custom paneling and millwork, customary to all Breskin projects, begins in the entryway. The high attention to detail is evident in each room, from the custom-milled walnut paneled formal dining room to a private workspace finished in high gloss Farrow and Ball and custom built-in shelving.

There are five masonry fireplaces, three indoors and two outdoors, all with herringbone fireboxes and custom stone fabricated mantles. The kitchen features custom cabinetry by Ciuffo and includes custom hardware and detailing.

The primary suite on the second floor offers walk-in stained oak custom closets and a spa-like bathroom with a Ciuffo custom waterfall double vanity and Waterworks soaking tub.

Outside, there is a heated 20-by-55-foot gunite pool, a spa, a pool house with kitchenette, wet bar, changing room and half, as well as a full-sized sunken tennis court and a Marmiro white stone patio "that ties the outdoor space all together," according to the listing.

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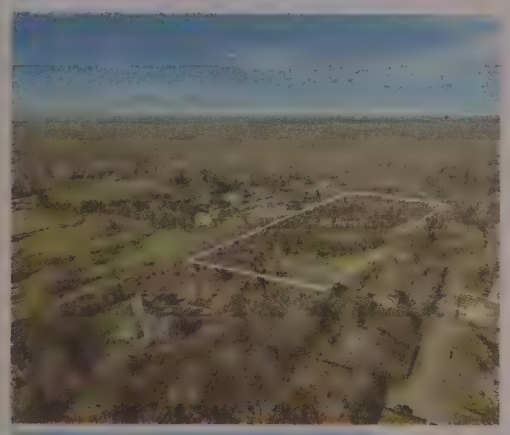

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Amagansett	Craig & Wendy Friedman	Gaurav & Kristen Kittur	128 Hand Lane	Residence	03/29/21	6,250,000
	Nancy Denton	Kevin & Marcia Reilly	5 Wyandanch Lane	Residence	04/12/21	1,950,000
Aquebogue	Barbara Kruczkowska	Mercy Rich	242 Trout Brook Lane	Residence	12/19/20	525,000
Bridgehampton	Nina Richter	Chandler Capital LLC	52 Harvest Lane	Residence	04/01/21	9,792,000
	23 Kellis Way LLC	23 KW LLC	23 Kellis Way	Residence	03/10/21	8,140,000
	Christian Knaust	111 Pointe Mecox Lane LLC	111 Pointe Mecox Lane	Residence	04/27/21	5,600,000
	Astor Real Estate Holdings LLC	329 Sagg LLC	329 Sagaponack Road	Residence	04/19/21	5,300,000
	Lorraine Bracco	Cynthia E Prince	460 Butter Lane	Residence	04/08/21	3,800,000
	Estate of Alfred Kelman	Hilary C Osborn	39 Corwith Avenue	Residence	05/06/21	2,120,000
	Martin Krasnoff	Richard Lapine	94 Beckys Path	Residence	04/19/21	1,698,000
	Kedakai M Lipton	Lorraine Bracco	536 Old Sag Harbor Road	Residence	03/05/21	1,610,000
	Paul D'Andrea	Marie & Roy Cohen	1201 Noyac Path	Vacant	04/30/21	1,300,000
Cutchogue	Erin & Robert Dickerson	David Moltz	1600 Alvahs Lane	Residence	03/26/21	906,000
	Carol Fratianni	Cheryl & William Uttaro	2440 Harbor Lane	Residence	04/30/21	820,000
East Hampton	Further Lane Properties LLC	257 FL LLC	257 Further Lane	Residence	02/23/21	16,500,000
	Marran Family LP	16 Pudding Hill Lane Trust	16 Pudding Hill Lane	Residence	03/18/21	5,500,000
	Lawrence & Susan Naeve	Cori & Daniel Galpern	30 East Hollow Road	Residence	03/26/21	4,995,000
	Estate of Maurice Kouffman	Jesse Reeves	67 Hither Lane	Residence	04/14/21	4,850,000
	Walden Pines LLC	Dara & Mark Berger	137 Swamp Road	Residence	03/30/21	4,600,000
	Farah Dib-Mattiacci	46 Hedges Banks LLC	46 Hedges Banks Drive	Residence	05/12/21	3,600,000
	Robert W Perone	John McAneny	31 Sherrill Road	Residence	05/07/21	2,600,000
	Simon Davies	Lara Crystal	15 Wooded Oak Lane	Residence	03/24/21	2,560,000
	Pamela Bicket Trust	Gregory Sichenzia	6 Marley Lane	Vacant	01/25/21	1,995,000
	Claudia Slacik	Ronald Dib Family Trust	29 Pleasant Lane	Residence	04/28/21	1,580,000
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	Heather & Kenneth Dodge	Lawrence & Monica Rich	49 Norfolk Drive	Residence	04/07/21	1,500,000
	Christine Horgan	Jan Scheufen	65 Edwards Hole Road	Residence	04/20/21	1,445,000
	Hector Vazquez	3 Historic Court LLC	3 Historical Court	Residence	04/13/21	1,350,000
	Stanley Hittman Trust	Ricky Goldin	19 Swamp Road	Residence	02/26/21	1,260,750
	Kathleen M Beatty	Kelsey Anderson	7 Shadom Lane	Residence	02/24/21	1,080,000
	Kathleen Dodge Trust	79 Middle Highway LLC	79 Middle Highway	Residence	04/09/21	1,080,000
	Ann Coleman	Hampton JAAE Construction Inc	12 Rolling Wood Lane	Vacant	03/03/21	950,000
	Nicholson Family Trust	Christina Liceaga	811 Springs Fireplace Road	Residence	03/11/21	875,000
	Christopher M Field	Freddy Valladolid	13 2nd Street	Residence	03/11/21	850,000
	Joseph V Weschrek	Ryan Lang	106 Norfolk Drive	Residence	03/16/21	805,000
	Evangeline A Verderosa	571 Montauk Hwy LLC	571 Montauk Highway	Residence	03/23/21	800,000
	Glen Valley at 15 Second Avenue LLC	17 2nd Ave LLC	17 2nd Avenue	Vacant	02/26/21	800,000
	US Bank	Katherine Mullin	24 16th Street	Residence	01/20/21	524,777
	Charles DeSanti	Robert C Osborne	62 Glade Road	Vacant	04/15/21	440,000
	Pauline Herttua	Hilary Auerbach	56 Glade Road	Vacant	03/17/21	402,500
Hampton Bays	John C Haufler	Claire Rose	43 Douglas Court	Residence	05/06/21	1,650,000
	Michael & Sheila Trachtenberg	Brian V Breheny	13 Romana Drive	Residence	03/31/21	1,420,000
	Janet D Socko	Megan Dowling	52 Wauhope Road	Residence	03/29/21	850,000
	Brian & Leah Morabito	Christian Minchala	101 Springville Road	Residence	02/25/21	765,000
	Patricia A Ryan	Richard M Fayer	35 Red Creek Circle	Residence	03/23/21	758,000
	JMJ Realty Holdings LLC	Addison & Lauren Craig	15 Argonne Road West	Residence	04/05/21	675,000
	27 Cypress Avenue LLC	Catalina Ariza	9 Argonne Road West	Residence	02/09/21	650,000
	ASK Kitchawan Property Management LLC	Decejune Pagaduan	6 Kitchawan Lane	Residence	12/03/20	550,000
	Wesley Sammon	Jonathan A Centeno	13 Long Lane	Residence	03/29/21	499,000
	Katerina Sterghiou	Dennis Mendoza	114 East Tiana Road	Residence	04/12/21	425,000
	Bartolomeo & Carmela Calia	Nermin Brbutovic	21 North Westbury Road	Vacant	03/31/21	340,000
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	Florence Van Ryswyk	Evan Martilotta	780 Legion Avenue	Residence	03/25/21	385,000
Sag Harbor	Brian & Haynee Johnson	Harrison Properties LLC	12 Latham Street	Residence	03/12/21	3,160,000
	Matthew MacKay	Gary A Schwartz	181 Hampton Street	Residence	04/01/21	2,335,000
	William Mintz	Joshua Gottlier	38 Clearview Drive	Residence	11/06/20	1,785,000
	Estate of Audrey Shavick	Claude D Beudert	28 Cliff Drive	Residence	04/07/21	850,000
Sagaponack	Geri Bauer	Town of Southampton	135 Poxabogue Lane	Vacant	10/07/20	8,000,000
	Gary & Suzanne Shapiro	Marik Estate LLC	138 Merchants Path	Residence	04/16/21	3,350,000
Shelter Island Heights	A Pitt & Jamie Miller	Brenda Harms	13A Westmoreland Drive	Residence	03/08/21	3,260,000
	Andreas & Sylvia Hommert	Justin & Laetitia DeCamp	56 West Neck Road	Residence	04/14/21	3,100,000
	Jorge & Mary Hevia	Matias Ringel	4 Crescent Way	Residence	04/09/21	1,390,000
	Judith Pagliaro	Katie Pollack	36 Stearns Point Road	Vacant	02/05/21	575,000
Southampton	Barbara McQuade Trust	187 Meeting House LLC	187 Meeting House Lane	Residence	04/01/21	2,675,000
	Hamilton Road Realty LLC	14 Sandringham LLC	14 Sandringham Lane	Residence	05/18/21	2,005,000
	Dolores Morrissey	April & Matthew Tartaglia	51 Scotts Landing Road	Residence	05/07/21	1,900,000
	Lois M Buchheit	32 Cooper LLC	32 Cooper Street	Residence	05/05/21	1,800,000
	2 Robins Lane LLC	Greg & Lisa Savino	2 Robins Lane	Residence	05/10/21	1,600,000
	Alexandra Sakowitz	Douglas & Jalaine Stewart	31 Old Fish Cove Road	Residence	03/02/21	1,350,000
	Estate of Randall Feinberg	Menton LLC	53 Layton Avenue	Residence	04/30/21	1,290,000
	Devonshire Partners LLC	Town of Southampton	100 Middle Pond Road	Vacant	12/15/20	1,231,500
	Estate of Florence Kinn	Town of Southampton	104 Middle Pond Road	Vacant	12/15/20	1,231,500
	Igor Ger	Jan Lewis	36 Charla Drive	Residence	03/24/21	1,150,000
	Kristine & Steven Poulin	Chitra Pourana	36 Waters Edge Road	Residence	12/16/20	1,075,000
	Helen Waden	Catherine & Gregory Guszack	21 Bay View Road North	Residence	02/12/21	999,000
	Eben Gay	Christopher & Hanna Suswal	54 Bay View Road	Residence	03/31/21	950,000
	Edward M Steckowski	Shaun & Yulia Riess	65 Glenview Drive	Residence	05/05/21	945,000
	Lisa Smart	Jose Ramos	62 Club Drive	Residence	03/26/21	926,000
	JoAnn & Peter Rogoski	M Nunez Realty Corp	1272 North Sea Road	Commercial	04/15/21	790,000
	Devonshire Partners LLC	Town of Southampton	106 Middle Pond Road	Vacant	12/15/20	98,500
	Far Pond Investors LLC	Town of Southampton	96 Middle Pond Road	Vacant	12/15/20	98,500
Southold	J Milton Hutson	Angeliki Kazeros	1395 Sleepy Hollow Lane	Residence	04/09/21	1,540,000
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Westhampton	Daniel Farrell	Judy & Matthew Kim	20 Baycrest Avenue	Residence	04/12/21	999,000
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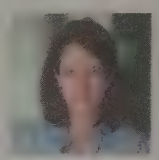

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Ways to Protect Your Home When a Storm Is Coming

There are many steps to be taken to fully protect your home from a storm. If you wait for a storm alert to start preparing, you've already fallen behind. The first step is to review your insurance policies to make sure you're covered in case of a flood (flood policies are separate policies and usually don't take effect until 30 days from when you start the policy), wind damage, tree damage, etc. It's also a good idea to take an inventory and pictures of valuable items that may be lost or destroyed in a storm, for insurance purposes.

If strong winds funnel through your home, they could destroy part or your entire roof, so it's imperative that you seal windows and doors as tightly as possible. It's also a good idea to have plywood stored in your garage or basement to protect windows and doors. You'll want to seal your chimney, vent pipes and any worn-down areas on your roof, as well.

Any loose object outside can become a dangerous projectile. Make sure all lawn furniture, gardening tools, sporting equipment and other outdoor items are stored away. Be sure to remove dying tree branches, trashcans, grills, satellite dishes, flowerpots, etc. Securely tie down anything that's too big for you to move, like boats and swing sets. When all else is done, it's time to stock up on the usual shelter-in-place essentials.

In addition to this column's insurance tip of the week, I want readers to know they can call me for advice, questions or any coverage concerns any time at 1-866-964-4434

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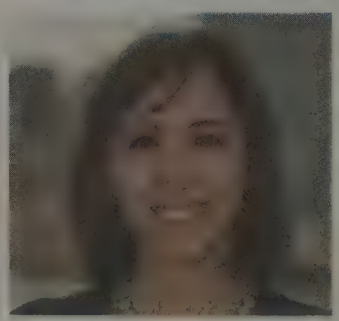
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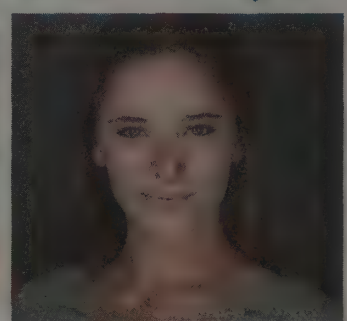
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This Week's Cover Artist:

Michael Butler

BY BRIDGET LEROY

Once again, *Dan's Papers* is featuring the work of Michael Butler, board member and former president of the Eastville Community Historical Society, among his many other community involvements. We had a chance to talk with Butler about this charming and somewhat mythological piece that spotlights our beautiful waters and marine life.

What is this piece called? It has a mythological feel to it.

The title of the painting is *Baleen in Blue,* which I completed in 2018. It is an image of a finback whale which is typically brownish-gray in color, not blue. Finbacks are baleen whales meaning that instead of teeth they filter their food (squid, herring, krill) through the baleen. The two squid are there to represent some of these food sources. You might correctly say that it is a somewhat fictionalized portrayal. Finbacks whales are the next-largest whale after blue whales. The two have been known to mate thus producing hybrid offspring.

This piece was in a show last year at the Eastville Community Historical Society, *Genesis and Transcendence*. Can you talk a little about that show and about the ECHS?

Baleen in Blue has been exhibited at the Sag Harbor Whaling and Historical Museum, the Eastville Community Historical Society, and Amagansett Library. The exhibit at ECHS was especially meaningful as it was basically a retrospective of my work spanning a period of 30 years. More than 45 paintings were in that exhibit. And of course, ECHS is very near and dear to me as I have served as recording secretary, vice-president and president of the organization, as well as having been a board member for many years. The "Genesis" portion of the title refers back to my Melting Pot series of paintings of which my first *Dan's Papers* cover is typical. These works portrayed people of various races and backgrounds of which African American communities are comprised. The "Transcendence" part of the title refers to the sense of limitlessness or of going beyond the normal physical boundaries to that space where many artists and creatives find themselves.

You've been coming out here since you were a kid. What's one of your earliest East End memories?

One of my earliest memories of the East End, or the country as we called it when I was a child, is of the early morning mists rising off the farms along Scuttlehole Road as the sun rose. Another clear memory is that of staying in one of the cottages owned by my great-uncle. I was probably about 3-4 years old. From the upper floor one could see the channel markers in the bay blinking at night. I had not realized until now that I have incorporated various versions of that scene into several of my paintings.

PHOTO BY BARBARA LASSEN

MICHAEL BUTLER IN HIS HOME STUDIO

The background seems cracked, like glass. Are you trying to tell us something?

The background of the painting with the crackling effect is based upon the frescoes found in the ancient Minoan and Cretan civilizations. Mythological and ancient themes are often depicted in my paintings. I wanted to create the effect of a wall fresco that had been unearthed after centuries of obscurity but still has a fresh, modern aspect. A whale seemed a natural fit, as I painted it during my term of employment at the SHW&HM.

***Dan's Papers* is proud to feature your work again on its cover. This cover coincides with Juneteenth and the opening of the Southampton African American Museum. How do you feel about that?**

I am really pleased and proud that my painting has been chosen to coincide with the upcoming Juneteenth commemorations and the opening of the Southampton African American Museum. This opening has been long awaited and a lot of blood, sweat and tears of numerous people have gone into bringing that dream to fruition. I have known Brenda Simmons for many years and she has helped to boost my art career by including me in several exhibits that she has curated.

Frankly, regarding Juneteenth, I was not familiar with that holiday until my brother, Dr. Martin Butler and I curated an exhibit on African American holidays and celebrations for ECHS over 15 years ago. These included Pinkster, Watch Night, Jonkonnu and Juneteenth. Although it was not part of my family's tradition it is indeed gratifying to see that more of these are moving into mainstream culture.

As a self-taught artist, who are other artists whose work you admire and why?

Other artists whom I admire...so many: Henri Rousseau for his use of jewel tones and depictions of the outdoors; Aaron Douglas for his shadows and beams of light which highlight his subject matter; and local artist Barbara Hadden for her great Sag Harbor scenes.

PHOTO BARBARA LASSEN

ART BY MICHAEL BUTLER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Eric Fischl's Saints of Sag Harbor: *A 10-part Series*

BY BRIDGET LEROY

The religious past and the art-as-religion future have intersected within the walls of the Sag Harbor Church, a cultural hub with famed artists/activists April Gornik and Eric Fischl as the founders, and Sara Cochran as executive director.

The soaring building is home to 20 windows; it is there, explained Fischl, where the "arts saints of Sag Harbor, the dead saints, will be canonized." Fischl's artistic contribution to the historical narrative of those of who were drawn to the East End as a vortex of creativity shine down from the portals surrounding the space.

For more information about programs, visit sagharborchurch.org

Dan's Papers *is showcasing two windows a week for 10 weeks, with Fischl's light-hearted responses when asked the irreverent question, "What would this luminary be the patron saint of, besides Sag Harbor?"*

ERIC FISCHL

LANGSTON HUGHES.

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Langston Hughes (1902–1967)

Fischl: "Langston Hughes is our renaissance saint of the Black voice and all those souls who speak to rivers."

James Mercer Langston Hughes was a leader of the Harlem Renaissance—a poet, social activist, novelist, playwright and columnist.

After graduating high school in Cleveland, he soon began studies at Columbia University. Although he dropped out from Columbia, he gained notice from New York publishers, first in *The Crisis* magazine, and then from book publishers. He eventually graduated from Lincoln University. In addition to poetry, Hughes wrote plays and short stories, and also published several non-fiction works.

From 1942 to 1962, as the civil rights movementwas gaining traction, he wrote an in-depth weekly column in a leading black newspaper, *The Chicago Defender*. Hughes was a frequent guest in William Pickens' Sag Harbor house in the early 1950s.

One of the innovators of jazz poetry, his well-known poems include "The Negro Speaks of Rivers," "Mother to Son," and "Harlem:"

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore—
And then run?
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over—
like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
like a heavy load.
Or does it explode?

Amaza Lee Meredith (1895–1984)

"Amaza Lee Meredith is our patron saint of architecture and education in the arts; a designer of buildings that become homes that build communities," says Fischl.

Amaza Lee Meredith was an American architect, educator and artist, best known locally for creating the Azurest community.

Meredith was unable to formalize her profession as an architect because of "both her race and her sex," and instead founded the art department at Virginia State University, where she also worked as a teacher. She is best known for her residence, Azurest South, built in 1939, where she and her partner Edna Meade Colson resided together.

Despite having no formal training in architecture, Meredith designed many homes for family and friends in Virginia, New York and Texas. Azurest South is considered a rare example of Virginia's International Style and displays her interest in avant-garde design. Meredith actively documented her lifestyle and accomplishments at Azurest though photographs.

In 1947, Meredith began developing a 120-lot subdivision in Sag Harbor called Azurest North for her family and friends. She and her friends created the Azurest Syndicate, which enabled the creation of an African American leisure community. Terry Cottage and Edendot were both designed by Meredith. In 1958, she retired from teaching but continued to design buildings and paint throughout the '60s. In the '70s, Meredith designed logos to be used for a proposed name change for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

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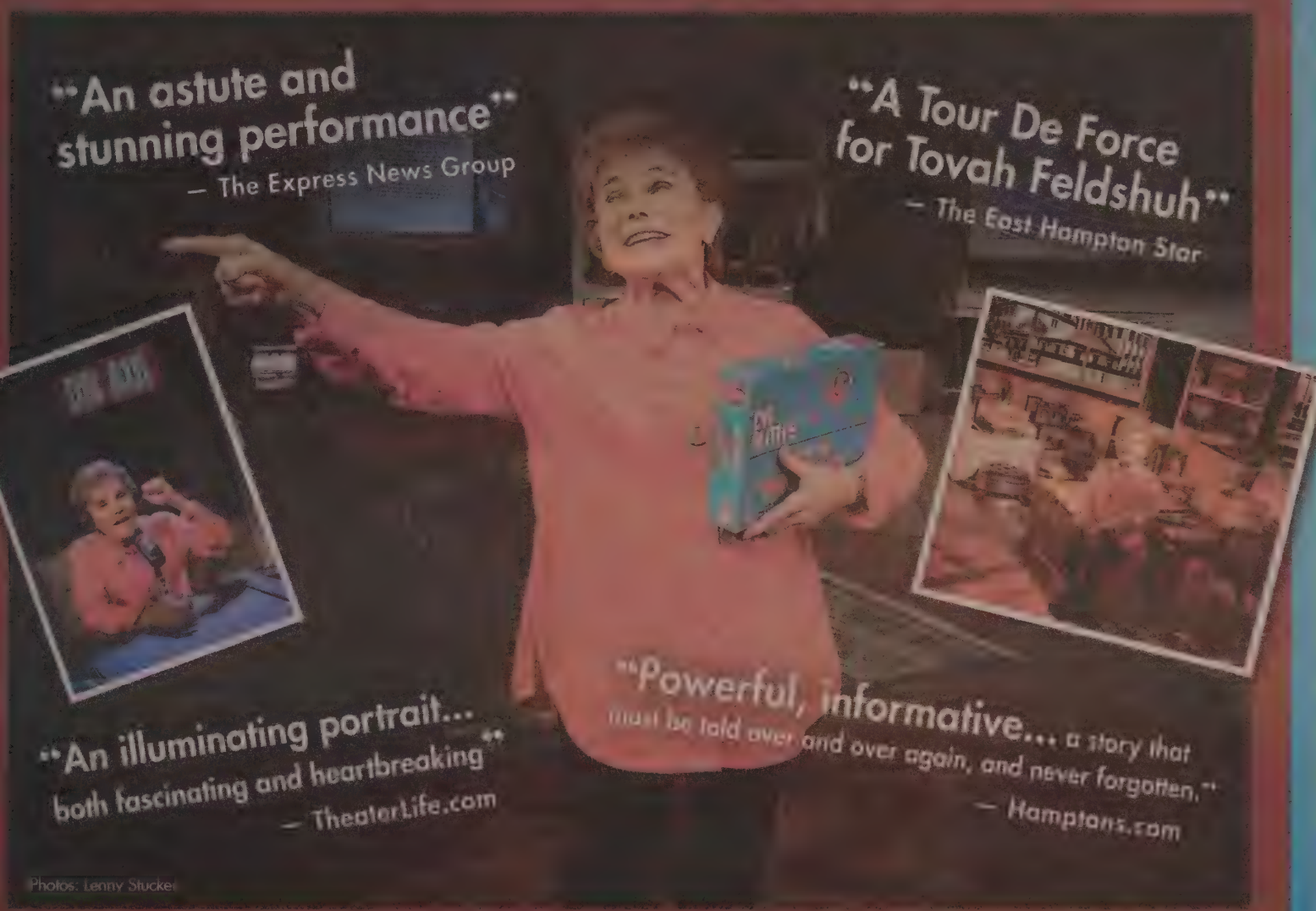

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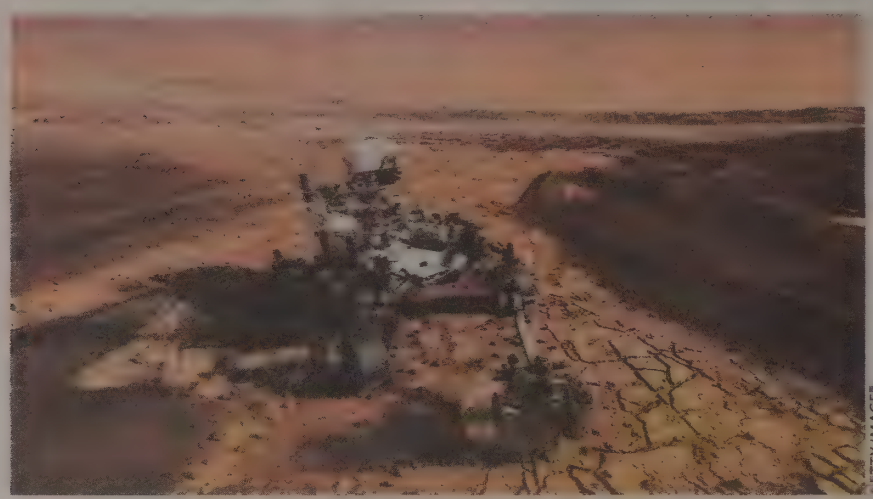

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THE MARS ROVER ROAMS THE RED PLANET

BY DAN RATTINER

It happens over and over in the Hamptons. And now it's happening again. In Sag Harbor last week, people complained bitterly that the 7-Eleven has to leave to make way for a new Bay Street Theater. They love 7-Eleven being there so they can get coffee at 3 in the morning. Fifteen years ago, these same people complained bitterly that if a 7-Eleven came it would destroy the town by inviting crime and drugs.

The same thing happened when the Shinnecocks put up their advertising monuments on Sunrise Highway in 2019. The monuments were outrageous, ostentatious and the very last thing the community needed. Now people say publicly they like the advertising monuments. Shows that the Shinnecocks have gumption. After years of neglect and suppression, they stand up for themselves. As it happened, the monuments also helped locate a perp during a recent Amber Alert.

The Emigrants

The country's richest man is Jeff Bezos from Amazon. He is worth $194 billion. Now he says he intends to fly off to space. Elon Musk, worth $28 billion, says he's headed for Mars. What do these men know that we don't?

Mars is Ours

An uncrewed Chinese spacecraft successfully landed on the surface of Mars on Saturday [May 14], state news agency Xinhua reported... We need to do something about it. We got to Mars first. It's ours.

Unfortunately, in the smarts department, we failed to plant an American flag on Mars, as we did on the Moon. You will recall that the Chinese, when they landed on the Moon in 2019, were very careful not to go near where we planted that flag. Indeed, they landed on the back side of the moon. Far away. Did they plant their own flag? You can bet on it.

The Stars and Stripes need to flutter on Mars. Fast.

Shortages

All of a sudden, there are shortages. How come? The experts are blaming the supply chain, the failure of the infrastructure to get things delivered, the new way of retailing where you don't keep big inventories. They are wrong.

Back in March, President Joe Biden ordered Fort Knox to send all Americans another $2 trillion to get through the COVID lockdown. After it arrived, with COVID in retreat, everybody ran out, cash in hand, to spend it. Or they tried.

Only those who got there first succeeded. All the rest faced shortages. They either came back with something different than what they wanted, or put some money down to backorder what they really wanted and returned home with most of the money still in their pockets but without the stuff. Happy people.

So now, there's shortages and price wars. It's because we gave out $2 billion. Not anything else. We could wait for the dust to settle or—are you ready for this?—we could give half of it back. What do you say?

A New Disease?

According to an article in *The New York Times*, scientists have recently discovered that perhaps .07% of the world's population doesn't have a "mind's eye."

The mind's eye is what you see in your head when asked to visualize something, such as what went on when you went on vacation. For example, if I ask you to visualize what happened the last time you visited the Montauk Lighthouse, you see it happening in your mind's eye.

But some people don't have a mind's eye. They can tell you the day they went, how long they stayed, information about the lighthouse and who went with them, but they can't visualize what they felt, saw and heard.

Scientists discovered this by accident when somebody came in to say he'd been to the dentist and now his mind's eye is gone. The scientists wrote this up, wondering if people could lose their mind's eye, but then a tremendous number of people said they'd never had it. In subsequent studies scientists have concluded that about .07 % people don't have one.

Now there's a discussion about whether this is a disease or not. They've given not having a mind's eye a name. They call it "aphantasia." You're either born having it, have it and keep it, or you have had it but lost it or never had it.

Scientists also think about 2.6% have an overactive mind's eye which gets you to visualize things that never turn out to happen. They call this syndrome "hyperaphantasia."

It even works in reverse. If I say don't think of a blue elephant, almost everybody will immediately visualize a blue elephant.

It seems to me there is a lot more to this. It explains why George Washington on his white horse could prance around at the head of his troops during a battle and exhibit no fear of getting shot. He's got aphantasia.

It explains why others, also on a horse, will see the enemy and run for cover. That's what most of us would do. Mind's eye is intact.

But then there will be those who will simply go off on a tear on horseback and keep going to the next county. These folks have hyperaphantasia and have already visualized themselves getting shot.

Someday there will be a pill for either aphantasia or hyperaphantasia. Or maybe we already have one for hyperaphantasia: Xanax.

Feel Sorry for Alexa

Another study shows that humans don't feel sorry for robots. If a car behind you wants to pass and there's somebody behind the wheel you'll usually allow that to happen. They must have a reason to be in such a hurry. But if there's nobody behind the wheel—it's a self-driving car—and wants to pass, you don't give a damn and might not let it pass. You know the robot will make a correction. It's something to be recalculated.

Heartless creatures they are.

Somebody told me there's a new song called "Alexa Left Me and It Broke My Heart." But I haven't heard it.

BERGA GONZALEZ

A RENDERING OF THE PROPOSED BAY STREET THEATER IN SAG HARBOR

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Our Amazing History

Thomas Edison's Hamptons Failures

BY DAN RATTINER

When Thomas Edison was 34 years old, he came out to the Hamptons. At the time—this was in 1882—the wealthy summer colony in Southampton was about 20 years old and some of the great industrialists of that age were here. Some were his financial backers.

"I heard one day down [on the beach] in Quogue, Long Island, there were immense deposits of black magnetic sand," he told a biographer later in his life. "This would be very valuable if iron could be separated from the sand. So I went to Quogue with one of my assistants and saw there for miles large beds of black sand on the beach in layers from 1 to 6 inches thick—hundreds of thousands of tons."

Beachgoers today know that sometimes black sand washes up onshore covering the brown sand for awhile, but then soon washes out again. But Edison thought it was it permanent, so he built an ore-separating factory right there on the beach. There was no zoning then.

The factory would use magnets to separate the iron filings from the regular sand. He thought it would make a fortune.

The fortune never happened, because a few days after the operation began, a storm came through and the black sand got washed back out to sea. Edison's workmen and their foreman waited for it to come back, but after a few weeks, Edison, back at his headquarters in Menlo Park, N.J., ordered the operation shut down.

Whether Edison came back frequently for rest and relaxation is not known—it was likely he didn't, so driven was he to invent and develop things—but in 1914 at the age of 67, he was back in Riverhead at the opera house there (today called the Vail-Leavitt Music Hall) to demonstrate his latest experiment: talking pictures. He was out to make still another fortune.

GETTY IMAGES

THOMAS EDISON AND HIS PHONOGRAPH

By that time, moving pictures had been invented, but they were silent. Now here came Edison, who had invented the phonograph in 1877, determined to show that he could link up the sound of the actors with the silent movie.

He was able to synchronize projecting kinetoscopes with "kinetophone" phonographs.

A crowd assembled in the theatre, the lights went dim and it worked—at least for a little while. But then it went out of sync and he had to pause it, readjust it, and turn it back on. Ever hear of the projecting kinetoscope? Well, that didn't work properly either.

And today, sometimes at low tide, the foundations of Edison's factory in Quogue are still visible.

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The sun came out Sunday, making for a picture-perfect summer day.

There was not a cloud in the sky as I made my way to **East Hampton** to join **Dan Rattiner**, the founder of **Dan's Papers**.

He had arranged for us to sail on a yacht out of **Gardiners Bay** across the street from his home.

From my home in **Westhampton**, it's about an hour drive to East Hampton—with no traffic! With the top down on my convertible and the sun warming my soul, the trip through farms and forests that fill the Springs section of East Hampton was a fun one!

I drove my car right to the foot of the approximately 40-foot yacht and was greeted by **Captain Charles** and his wife **Concierge Karen**. They welcomed us on board and explained the safety precautions and the "lay of the land," showing us where the bathrooms and interior seating were located.

I gingerly walked to the front of the boat to watch as the captain carefully navigated us into the open waters of the bay.

Our yacht for the day!

I relaxed as I took in the scenic views of the beautiful, sunny day and the captain pointed out the **East Hampton Point Hotel & Marina** that was recently acquired by **Heath Freeman**, the president of **Alden Global Capital**, which, after acquiring **Tribune Publishing**, owns the **New York Daily News**.

EHP Hotel & Marina is where we will launch **Dan's Papers Chefs of the Hamptons** event benefiting **Guild Hall** on June 24. I recently had dinner there, and it looks as beautiful from the water as it does from shore.

Lois Christie, my friend from Bayside who also lives in Westhampton, joined me. As we lounged on the deck, Karen brought us drinks and hors d'oeuvres to hold us until lunch was served.

About an hour later, we gathered around a circular table for lunch and to share stories, which offered me a chance to talk with Dan and his wife Chris Wasserstein, and **Audrey Fuchsberg** and her husband **Dr. Derek Erlander,** an immunologist.

Dr. Erlander has a line of over-the-counter drugs to build the immune system and fight off disease—a perfect antidote in this post-COVID environment, where we all worry about a second strain of the virus. More info to follow!

After the lovely lunch and the three-hour cruise, we made our way back to the dock. The captain parked the yacht perfectly, with Karen's guidance, marking the end to a magical day filled with good company, beautiful sites and luxury surroundings!

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MEETING A GENIUS

A day earlier, on Saturday, I had been invited to a preview of artist **Alexis Rockman's** exhibition at Guild Hall in East Hampton.

As I walked on the stone sidewalk toward the renowned institution, I recalled the bittersweet memory of my late husband **Stu's** cousin **Arthur Fischer** exhibiting, with great pride, his art at Guild Hall's annual **Clothesline Art Sale**. Yes, clothesline!

Hundreds of works of art are hung there for the buying. Admission is free (donations are welcome)—it's a long line to get in but it's worth the wait to view and buy the art of local artists, with half the proceeds going to Guild Hall, and the rest to the artist ($15 for artists to register three pieces).

What fun it was for Arthur, who, after an engineering career, had become an artist whose avocation was painting collages. He got great joy from the fact that several of his pieces sold and we had an afterparty to celebrate his success!

But that was many years ago, and now I was back to see Alexis' **"Shipwrecks"** exhibit, which featured his oil and watercolor pieces. I instantly fell in love with one particular piece, so I asked him if we could put it on the front cover of *Dan's Papers*. He agreed, so it will appear on the cover soon!

Alexis was born in New York City and his mom briefly worked for anthropologist **Margaret Mead** at the **American Museum of Natural History**, where Alexis would spend hours looking at the lifelike dioramas.

As Alexis spoke to the small gathering of people, he described how his fascination with shipwrecks began at an early age, as he became interested in their effect on the planet and the lives of people who traversed the sea.

But I was most struck by his painting of the sinking of the **Brig Helen.** He described how the shipwreck bankrupted and killed the young brilliant British scientist **Alfred Russel Wallace**, who is credited with originating the theory of evolution before Darwin.

He had spent four years (1848-1852) on a self-funded trip to the South American rainforest collecting hundreds of rare specimens to bring back to England. All was lost when the Brig Helen caught fire. Alexis' work imagines the enormity of the loss.

I must admit that hearing Alexis' explanation of his art made me feel more connected to his work. Each piece he discussed opened my eyes to details I had missed.

Visit the Alexis Rockman exhibit from June 12 to July 26 at Guild Hall in East Hampton. For more information, call 631-324-0806 and say hello to Yanni Bitis (our very own Stephanie Bitis' son) in the Guild's coffee shop! *guildhall.org*

Alexis Rockman explaining his work with Guild Hall Executive Director Andrea Grover.

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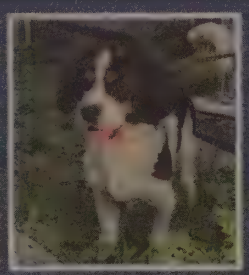
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1020 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. events@calissahamptons.com, calissahamptons.com

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 7 P.M.

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161 Main Street, Amagansett. stephentalkhouse.com

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Dan's Papers and Guild Hall host the Chefs of the Hamptons to kick off Guild Hall's 90th Anniversary at EHP Resort & Marina! Join us as we highlight the Hamptons' most celebrated chefs in a once-in-a-lifetime evening of fine dining honoring Florence Fabricant, *New York Times* Food & Wine writer, Guild Hall Trustee and Academy of the Arts member. Guests will be dazzled by the breadth of culinary talent and the all-star lineup of chefs from the finest Hamptons kitchens will fill the night with locally sourced signature dishes matched with exceptional wines and craft cocktails. From the curated cocktail hour with multiple hors d'oeuvres through the six-course pairing dinner and delicious desserts, Chefs of the Hamptons is always a highlight of the event season and the perfect way to kick off the summer.

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147 Daniel's Hole Road, East Hampton. clubhousehamptons.com

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139 Sagg Road, Sagaponack. wolffer.

LONG ISLAND INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES CANOE TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 8:30 A.M.

The Southampton History Museum provides an extensive research library, as well as educational events for adults and children. During this paddling tour, learn about Indigenous people through songs, horticulture and oral history. You can bring your own canoe or kayak, or rent one at the site. Tickets are $40 for adults and children ages 12 and under permitted to participate for free.

Conscience Point, North Sea. southamptonhistory.org

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 8:30–9:30 A.M.

Fitness fanatics will flip for an incredible free way to get into shape on the lush lawn overlooking the marina at Gurney's Star Island Resort. With an energetic mingling of yoga, Pilates and boot camp styles, there's something for everyone who lives to greet the Long Island sun with a cold bottle of water and a serious stretch. Register online and show up with your favorite mat.

32 Star Island Road, Montauk. gurneysresorts.com/montauk-star-island/happenings

BLACK RACER SNAKE WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 9 A.M.

The South Fork Natural History Museum is known for its expert educators and scientifically accurate galleries. The Black Racer Snake Walk will seek to uncover live sightings of the native Black Racer, which is critical to the local ecosystem. There is a $10 fee for non-members. You can call or e-mail SoFo ahead of time to register.

377 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. sofo.org

THE AGDAL METHOD WORKOUT IN THE SUNKEN GARDEN

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 10:30 A.M.

The Reform Club is a peaceful seaside retreat that embodies the nurturing, organic appeal of the Hamptons. Inspired by yoga and Pilates, the Agdal Method blends aerobics with stretching movements for superior results. Bring your own mat and water bottle.

23 Windmill Lane, Amagansett. reformclubamagansett.com

SHHS GARDEN TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 11 A.M.

Sag Harbor Historical Society has lined up tours of six beautiful and very different gardens around the village, as well as a tour of The Church. The garden tour starts at the Annie Cooper Boyd House, where you will be

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REAL ESTATE ROUNDTABLE

How To Secure an East End Rental in a Red-Hot Market

Summer 2021 is off to a busy start on the real estate market. We asked a handful of agents and brokers what the last-minute rental market has been like this year compared to years past, and what advice they could offer for securing a summer rental amid a red-hot market.

Alexis Meadows

NOFO REAL ESTATE

Compared to years past, the 2021 rental market shows no signs of slowing down. Rather, it's showing increased demand, limited availability and renter craze. That being said, potential clientele has wised up by securing their summer oasis as early as possible, even so much as to renew their rental from the previous season, simply to guarantee their spot out here on the ever-popular North Fork. Prices have escalated greatly on the East End and continue to rise, enticing home owners to give up their space for a short while and list in this hot market. Beach locations or homes that offer a pool are prime, thus, competitive to secure, followed by locations that offer vineyard views, sunsets and picturesque vistas. The most important advice for potential renters is to work with an agent that has local expertise and is responsive, expedient and knowledgeable regarding the market's fluidity. Considering a rental for a longer block of time has its leverage, as well as being negotiable on terms. Renters are advised to waste no time deliberating on an opportunity, as minutes can make or break that summer soirée.

Maz Crotty

SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL REALTY

COVID drove a demand for real estate in the Hamptons that was unprecedented and that hasn't dampened down. Last year, with COVID numbers increasing and people leaving New York City, securing a home for spring/summer periods created an unforeseen surge in demand with renters wanting to make very quick decisions about properties. Viewing was done by video walkthroughs. It was a whirlwind: Tenants were wiring rent and getting keys the same day. This year the demand is just as high. Inventory has been very low but there are now more properties flowing through as newly purchased homes have become available and as owners make plans to travel again. I have been very focused on providing my customers with exactly what they need knowing that 2020 created a move toward a more virtual encounter when searching for homes. My advice for renters is to work closely with one agent who understands the market and explain all of your needs in detail so they can really understand your requirements and they will closely monitor new listings and price changes. This way we can focus to ensure everyone gets the perfect Hamptons summer home.

Lauren Spiegel

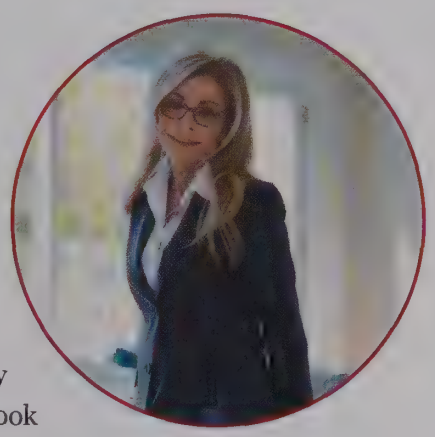
DOUGLAS ELLIMAN REAL ESTATE

In my view, the rental market has stayed on trend with the sales market, showing limited inventory and high demand. Chic and beachy turnkey properties with a pool and near to the newly transformed Westhampton Beach Village are being scooped up with little to no room for negotiation. The Hamptons have always been a summer playground for those seeking sun, fun and relaxation, but with a year that no one could have predicted in the rearview, and 2021 beginning to look up, people are especially excited to enjoy all the Hamptons has to offer this season. Full season rentals were snapped up quickly and early, when the snow was still covering the ground, and many renters are planning to stay through Labor Day in hopes that properties will come on the market for sale. With restrictions lifting and businesses opening, we have never been busier. My advice in this fast-paced market would be, if you're a landlord and want to secure a tenant quickly, price your home accurately and be a bit less aggressive now that the summer is upon us. As for the tenants, be open-minded and never be afraid to make an offer!

Jack Richardson
NEST SEEKERS INTERNATIONAL

This rental market has been very hot like I have never experienced thus far! I have done multiple rentals within the last couple weeks with people moving in within three days of signing the lease. In the past, last-minute rentals were much more likely as we frequently found ourselves with inventory. But in a year like no other for rentals and inventory at an all-time low, the challenge to find my clients quality rentals late in the game is taking much more in-depth searching than ever before. The challenge, however, has made the process more exciting for when I find a client a great fit. My advice to anyone interested in securing a rental in this scorching market is simply three things. 1. Be as open and transparent as you can with your agent as to what you are looking for in a rental. 2. Consider what aspects you are willing to be flexible with on your rental ahead of time. 3. Be quick and assertive in decision making when closing on your summer getaway!

Visit **BehindTheHedges.com** for some last-minute rentals. Search **"rental market 2021."**

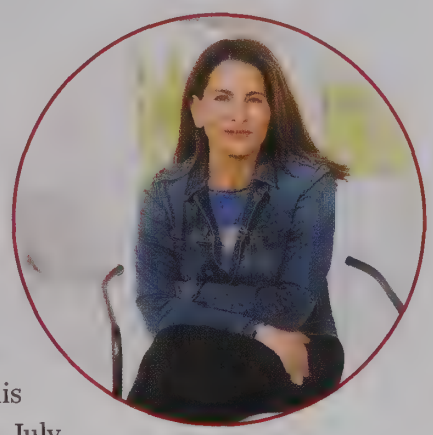


Andrea L. Ackerman
BROWN HARRIS STEVENS

It has been a roller coaster ride in the rental market. Whereas last year it was a feeding frenzy with city dwellers panic renting, just to get a look at a green lawn, breathe fresh air and take a safe walk outside, to becoming one disappointment after another as their first second or third choice of house was gone before they could make an offer. This year it became a bit more civilized as many renters bought or remained in the houses they had chosen last year and were used to working from home, or, as restrictions were lifted, more comfortable thinking about traveling, camp for the kids and returning to their old work environment, the office. Nevertheless, the rental market remained competitive with what appeared to be a sluggish August. Suddenly, with Europe deciding to remain closed, there is a sudden uptick. Finally, the best advice I could offer any potential tenant is, if you find a house you like that is available, pull the trigger immediately, because, even though this is a calmer summer than last, inventory is scarce and the competition is fierce.

Cindy Scholz
COMPASS

The seasonal rentals, Memorial Day through Labor Day, were scooped up this winter. Renters are keen on June and July leaving some great homes on the market for August. Our clients are holding out in hopes of traveling abroad in August, making them reluctant to commit. The headlines suggest Europe is open this summer to Americans, however, the guidelines for travel are still quite restrictive. August is typically the most sought-after month, but not this year. Find a pet sitter. Most homes do not want pets. It seems every renter has a dog, which makes it extremely difficult to land a rental.



Randi Ball
CORCORAN

The 2021 rental market has been sporadic. We had a surge of rental leases signed really early in the fall due to the nervousness of not being able to secure a rental because of the COVID panic in 2020. This was group A. Group B only wanted July due to the uncertainty of when the kids were going back to school and this left a plethora of available rentals for August. Group C is now — the last-minute renters looking for two weeks here and there or August. Lucky for them there are landlords who did not rent and are being flexible. My advice for renters in a hot market is always be open to areas that may be out of your comfort zone. I will find you a rental but we need to work together and work quickly.

Judi Desiderio
TOWN & COUNTRY REAL ESTATE

2021 Hamptons summer rentals are at nearly total saturation. Furthermore, the terms of the leases are longer. Full season, extended season or, in the least, full months are the leases written. Remote work and schooling enabled many to enjoy the fresh air and beauty of the East End. The thought of uprooting and moving is not a desired action for most. My advice: Secure your rental ASAP! There remains a select group of available rentals that are just hitting the market now or mistakenly overlooked until now. But one thing is certain: There will be no availability this summer.

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Edward J. Seisdedos

A Spectacular Second Act

story by ***Taylor K. Vecsey***

REAL ESTATE
Seisdedos brokered a record-breaking $100,000 month lease on an apartment at Time Warner Center at 25 Columbus Circle

EDWARD J. SEISDEDOS OF COMPASS IS RANKED IN THE TOP 1% OF MANHATTAN BROKERS, HAVING COMPLETED OVER $100 MILLION IN RECENT SALES IN THE ULTRA-LUXURY NEW YORK CITY MARKET.

He has set real estate records in the upper echelon of the city's rental market and has found great success in the second chapter of his life.

The essential ingredient is a major life change he made 34 years ago.

"I chose not to drink. The life that was intended for me immediately took hold the second I put the drink down." And what does that life look like?

"As a marketing and media consultant I worked with Paul McCartney and ended up in the London Arena with my husband Manolo as his invited guests for the closed set rehearsals for McCartney's 2003 tour. We were then his guests for opening night of the tour a few days later in Paris, France. Didn't see that coming."

Seisdedos was behind a record-setting long-term rental in Manhattan; a $100,000-a-month lease at the Time Warner Center, 25 Columbus Circle's apartment 75CE. He also touts a record-setting rental for the building at 151 E. 85th Street, in which he rented apartment 14A for $46,000 per month.

A career in the radio and music business (he was a member of the Grammy Awards organization) was an incredible catalyst into real estate at 43.

"I never looked back. I retired from the drag of corporate life and reporting to managmenet. I love that I am the sole proprieter of my success in real estate. I considered that to be my retirement," he jokes, saying that he enjoys not having to sit at a desk or answering to anyone. "I couldn't have been happier and at 43 I was able to do whatever the heck I wanted."

An added bonus: "I made multiples more money on my own

Seisdedos brokered a deal for an apartment at 80 Columbus Circle for $11 million.

BARBARA LASSEN

Seisdedos at his cottage.

than I ever did with a corporation," he says. "You can be dedicated to your clients without it consuming your life."

When he is able to escape his busy life in the city, he heads east for a piece of heaven he and his husband have carved out for themselves, a waterfront cottage on Gardiner's Bay.

"I was asked, 'You live in East Hampton? That's where Steven Spielberg lives, do you live near him?'" he says. "My reply: 'I live about $42 million from Steven Spielberg.'"

With his quick wit, Seisdedos can make fast friends and talk about myriad subjects, from his passion for songwriting to his extensive travel (he's visited 300 cities across the globe on all seven continents). He has twice been a guest of the president of the United States as a member of the White House Correspondents Dinner at the annual press corps event.

While splitting his time between Manhattan's Gramercy Park, East Hampton and Miami Beach, he still finds time to regularly volunteer at Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church. He even graduated from the Diakonia Program there, a spiritual and theological education program, and stays active in outreach programs.

He has been married 22 years to Manolo Medina, impressive in his own right as a former Martha Graham dancer, a cultural attaché who was granted a visa as a person of extraordinary ability. The couple support the arts on the South Fork when they can.

Seisdedos spends much of his down time writing songs and is a member of the Nashville Songwriters Association International. "Nashville is the Harvard and heartbeat of songwriting. I had the talent and ambition but I needed to learn the craft," he says. "What I learned in Nashville is invaulable. I now pitch songs to artists and I'm working on my own music projects.

"There's a moment that happens when you're taking around a buyer," he says. "There's a magic moment. Their face lights up."

He recalls it happening with one client while viewing a to-die-for apartment on the 52nd floor. He inquired about any apartments exactly like that one but on a higher floor. The developer's agent said there were, but they weren't available just yet.

"I said, 'Make them available. We're going up. We need to go up and see that apartment.'" Seven floors higher, the client walked in and said, "'Oh my God. These views are lethal.'"

Seisdedos had two more showings scheduled in other buildings, but when he and his client reached the lobby, the client told him to cancel the other appointments and immediately negotiate. "It's the magic moment where your buyer gets lit up," he says. "And the same thing on the sell side as the exclusive listing agent, you get a buyer who's wild to make the purchase and they go into contract at your ask or higher."

Seisdedos prides himself on his dedication as a responsible fiduciary when it comes to his clients and brokers — "Brokers are my first client," he says of the essential network of his fellow brokers in Manhattan, East Hampton, Boston, Miami, Rye, New York and across the world.

"Fiduciary," he explains. "That is the beginning, middle and end of my broker definition and responsibility for my clients. Protect their money by finding the right home, investment or rental property through thoughtful and thorough due diligence. For sellers, to market their home to the most exacting standards and close at the highest possible price as quickly as possible."

This summer on the South Fork, he is looking forward to cycling, swimming in the ocean and surfing. But, there is nothing better than playing his guitar and writing at the cottage.

"It's a beautiful place to write," he says. "You can't ask for a better spot being near the water like this."

BARBARA LASSEN

An avid guitarist, Seisdedos also has a passion for songwriting and there's no place he'd rather write than by the water on the East End.

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Market Update:

HAMPTONS REAL ESTATE PROPERTY VALUES HAVE INCREASED 30%

story by ***Adrianna Nava***

Listed by Cindy Scholz of Compass, 152 Hands Creek Road in East Hampton closed on May 27 for $4 million, 13% above the $3.5 million list price.

In May 2020, real estate industry professionals had adjusted to transacting in a new normal, new listings hit the market en masse as showing freezes lifted, and the buyer demand that we still feel today took hold.

In May 2021, the market saw a slight uptick in new listings with a 3% increase over April, while contracts signed experienced a 16% decline. Yet the median number of days to contract decreased 35%, hitting an all time low of just 60 days. Supply dipped 2% for the overall market between May 1 and June 1 and has fallen 22% in 2021 so far, from 961 listings available for sale on January 1 to just 753 at the start of the summer season.

Contracts signed increased 26% year over year, from 102 to 125 contracts, but declined 16% from April to May. The number of sales also declined from April to May by 18%, from 176 to 145 listings sold.

Percent differences overall are less extreme now than they have been in months past and the median list, last asking and closing prices have, for the most part, aligned.

For anyone who has been wondering what the percent increase in property values in the Hamptons is as a result of COVID, May is a good month for this metric.

An already improving market leading up to COVID, May 2020 saw the closing of the majority of deals that were made just prior to and right at the start of COVID that had been delayed due to shutdowns. Properties closed in May 2020 for a median 6.81% off the listing

price, in keeping with historic pre-COVID negotiability rates and reflective of the time the deals were made. However, the properties that went into contract in May 2020 ultimately closed for a median 2.61% off the listing prices. Enter the buying frenzy.

Fast forward to May 2021, though there is still a way to go, many aspects of life, as we were used to it, have or are returning to a semblance of normal. More of the population is getting vaccinated and economic forecasts remain positive. Generally, things are significantly more "normal" and impacts to the market today have more to do with COVID abating and good economic conditions than persisting directly related negative impacts. Builders may argue this point, but the increases in building material costs began prior to and were only exacerbated by COVID. May 2021 also saw a higher percentage of listings return to the market that had previously been listed than any other month of 2021 so far.

How much have Hamptons property values increased as a result of the pandemic? The median sold price increased 29% from $1,878,750 in May 2020 to $2,425,000 in May 2021. Considering properties going into contract in May are doing so at a faster rate than April and, from what brokers report, for continued record prices, Hamptons Market Data believes that overall, Hamptons property values improved around 30% over the course of the worst parts of the pandemic.

New listings coming to the market are trending up when broken down on a weekly basis, and it looks like supply could be stabilizing, as the percent decreases in supply month to month have been lessening. However, the number of contracts signed in the month of May were still proportionately high compared to years past, even higher than in May 2020.

A closer look at specific areas and price points over the last three months shows that activity on properties priced $10 million-plus has increased. Appropriately, the odds of selling in Bridgehampton, Sagaponack and Water Mill, areas that are known for their larger South of the Highway estates, have also increased. The $3–9.99 million price points have remained fairly consistent overall month to month in 2021, while the less than $3 million price point has experienced a recent slight decline in activity.

However, the context matters. When measured against supply, and in the context of local market conditions, it is more likely that activity for properties below $3 million is stalling due to lack of adequate supply more than being a reflection of the overall desire to purchase at these prices. It's also worth mentioning that, as overall pricing continues to increase, there are fewer and fewer properties even valued below $1 million.

The median days from list to contract was 60 days in May, whereas April had a median 92 days to contract. For more perspective, May 2020, the month that we first saw Hamptons properties flying off the shelves, had a median 223 days to contract. It is worthwhile to note that May 2020 offered more older inventory than exists today.

Properties in all price points, that are priced in keeping with recently sold comparable properties, are trading faster and for more money than at any other time in living memory.

Sellers, while still reaching for high list prices, are also responding to the market, evidenced by more properties priced under $5 million closing for 10% or more off the list price than have in recent months. Real estate agents have also seen an uptick in price reduction email notices from fellow colleagues. It seems that holding out for more has become less comfortable.

The buyer demand in 2020 that became known as a "frenzy," while still strong, has shifted to a calmer and more calculated demand over the course of the spring. Buyers who are clearer on what they're looking for are asking more questions during the purchase process, making more requests during negotiations, and are willing to wait if the right property or deal doesn't present itself. But, according to brokers, they are committed to purchasing in the Hamptons.

This shift in demand and increase in price reductions does not indicate that prices are or will go down, but rather that sellers who initially were overambitious in their pricing are more motivated today to capitalize on continued strong demand while it lasts.

If positive economic conditions and the return to normalcy persist, Hamptons Market Data believes there is still strong evidence to suggest that while buying activity overall may continue to decline to normal market levels, pricing looks likely to continue to increase, even if only incrementally, going into summer 2021.

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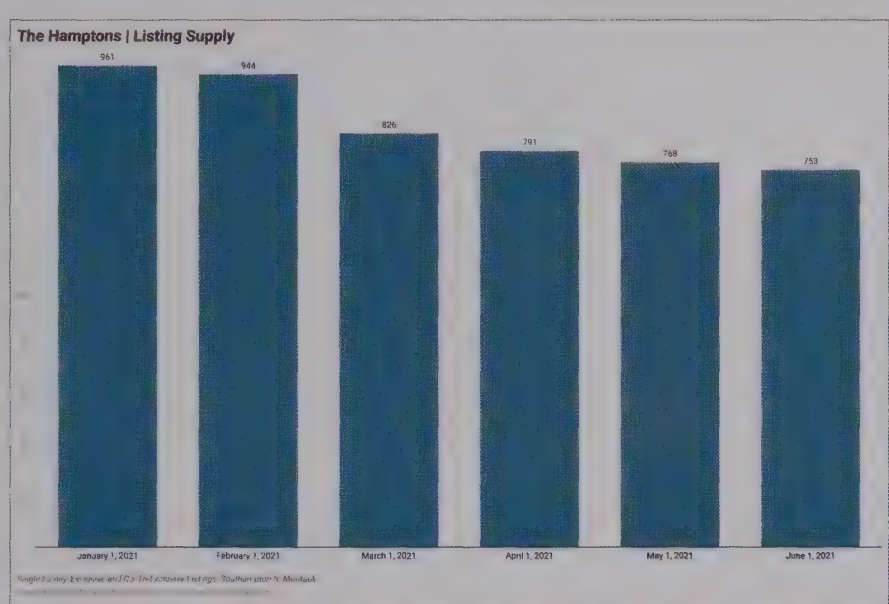

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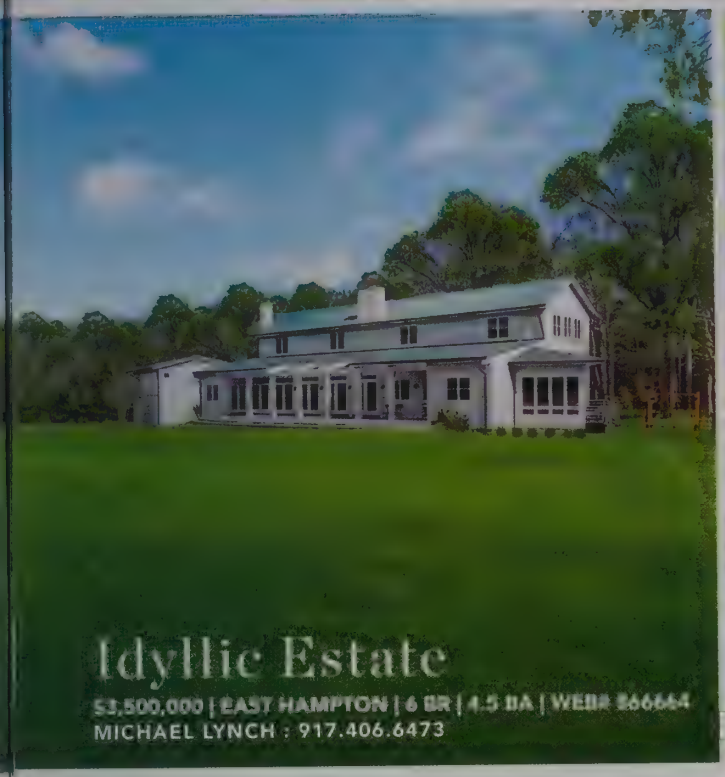

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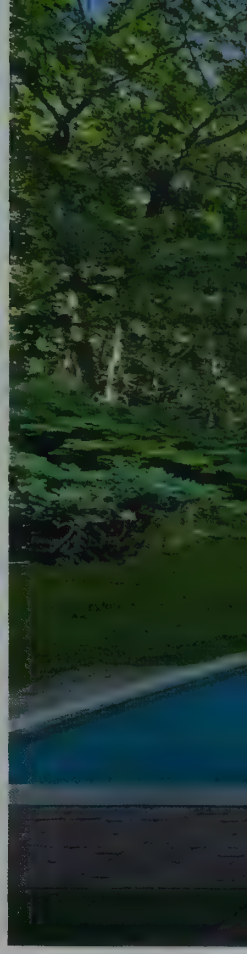

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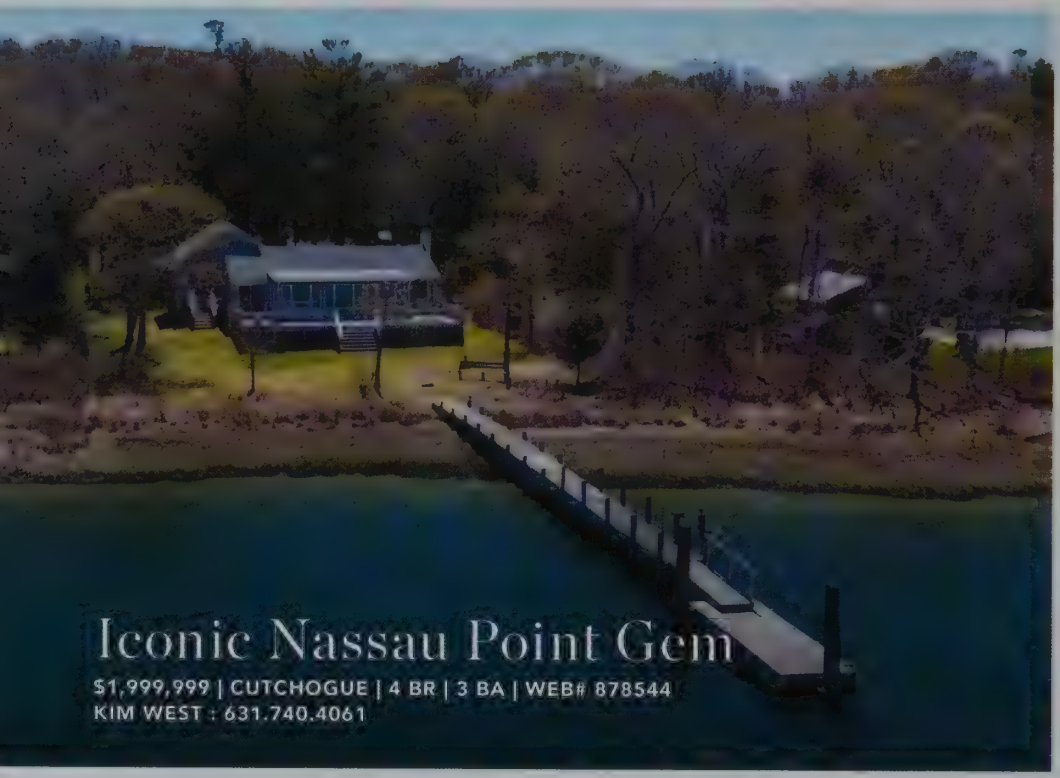

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Meghan and Harry, can you hear me?

Behind the gates of a four-acre property on the Quiogue peninsula, down a long driveway, just past the motor court, sits a home with 22,000 square feet of living space surrounded by well-landscaped grounds.

Ryan Serhant, star of Bravo's *Million Dollar Listing New York*, and his newly founded brokerage, SERHANT, have brought this home to the market, the new firm's first foray into the Hamptons real estate scene.

The asking price: $16.5 million.

"111 Meeting House Road is a stunning, one-of-a-kind property that combines the best of interior and landscape design, resort life at home, entertaining guests, work from home and luxurious Hamptons living," says Serhant, CEO of SERHANT, in a statement to *Behind The Hedges*.

The property is listed by Serhant himself and Shawn Egan, a Hamptons-based agent who recently left another firm to join SERHANT about a month ago.

The home is impressive, not only for its size, but what it holds inside—40 rooms with many unique features such as a live theater with a stage, a dance room and an octagonal indoor pool below a conservatory, with glass floors, that looks down at the pool. In addition to the main home, there is a 1,500-square-foot carriage house, an outdoor pool and a pool house with a kitchenette.

"It's one of the biggest houses I've been in," Egan said by phone recently (and he's been in some pretty big homes as one of the top agents at his former firm).

"It's a very fun house too—there's a dance room with a disco ball. And it's decorated beautifully. Absolutely gorgeous."

It is, by far, the most expensive listing on the small west-of-the-canal peninsula, a quaint hamlet nestled between Quogue and Westhampton Beach.

The next priciest home on the market is Meadowcroft, a storied historic home on Quantuck Bay, listed with Enzo Morabito of Douglas Elliman for $13 million.

The Meeting House Road home was designed by the award-winning companies, Bruce Nagel + Partners, an architecture firm based in Westhampton

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Bruce Nagel + Partners and Pembrooke & Ives designed the home.

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Beach, and Pembrooke & Ives, interior designers in Manhattan. Built in 2008, we've been told it has hosted many notable guests at the numerous weddings, parties and fundraisers that have been held there over the years.

In total, between the two houses, there are 13 bedrooms and 11 full bathrooms. Two rotundas separate different wings of the main house, which boasts three levels. The primary suite wing measures a whopping 4,000 square feet and includes a bedroom, terrace, dual walk-in closets and two private offices, so you never have to share.

The home also features six fireplaces, an elevator servicing all three floors and a whole-house generator (especially impressive given the home's size).

The kitchens are equipped with top-of-the-line appliances from Viking, Bosch and Sub-Zero. Plus, there is a butler's pantry for ease in entertaining. There is a bar room with black cerused oak walls with a tasting table, "posh seating" and custom built-ins to showcase wines and spirits, according to the listing.

The lower level holds a large recreation space, where you will find the dance hall, fitness and Pilates rooms with a locker room and a full shower, a game room, a pantry with additional laundry systems and an indoor theater. There is also a safe and file storage room.

Lighting was custom designed by Shine Design and there is also a state-of-the-art Crestron automation system.

Several screened porches lend themselves to the indoor/outdoor living experience. The outdoor space is enhanced by old growth trees, expansive lawns and new landscaping, designed by Hollander Design Landscape Architects.

An outdoor gunite pool has an adjacent deck and pavilion that offers a shaded lounge space, changing rooms and a kitchenette.

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MASTER CRAFTSMAN
DAN McALLISTER & HEATHER GANGUZZA
IN THE ATTIC TOO

BY OLIVER PETERSON

New doesn't always mean better. Distinctive vintage and antique furnishings offer an inherent level quality and history, but a growing number of East End aesthetes are now looking to take that stalwart and storied character of the old and make it extraordinary and new.

Dan McAllister and his daughter Heather Ganguzza of Peconic's In the Attic Too are helping their clientele do exactly that with a wide range of upcycled treasures and one-of-a-kind custom creations sure to add a bit of wonder and wow to any home.

Over the past two decades, the North Fork business has become a one-stop shop for truly unique finds, including vintage furniture, reclaimed wood, signage, housewares, industrial items, bric-a-brac and even handmade soy candles. The father and daughter share a keen eye for design, but each brings different talents to the business. McAllister does the builds and runs demolition and salvage when they reclaim wood from local barns and other structures, while Ganguzza paints the furniture and manages their retail and social media.

Together, they will help visitors pick through In the Attic Too's massive selection of finds and choose what they need to

DAN MCALLISTER AND HEATHER GANGUZZA

COURTESY OF IN THE ATTIC TOO

commission or build their own custom piece of furniture. "Some people will bring inspiration photos, but a lot of it is design builds," McAllister says. "We'll design it with them and then we'll build it. We'll use our salvage yard for our materials, so we can go out and just kind of cull through our inventory and use what's appropriate."

The options feel almost limitless, and McAllister and Ganguzza continue to evolve their approach. "I started building birdhouses in late 1999–2000 just as a hobby, and I used plain materials to do that … then I built a bench, and that turned into a cabinet, then that turned into a table, and then we started doing antiques. And then that turned into adding the painted furniture," McAllister says, recalling the early days when he was still a Southampton Town police officer, followed by three years working as an estimator for Ocean Electric, before risking it all to run their shop full time.

McAllister started part-time in Speonk for a couple years, but his job eventually forced him to put that dream aside. When he retired from the police department in 2006, he ended up even busier at Ocean Electric, so he had to let that go, too. "That was a big step, I was doing well there—I had a nice position there," he says, adding, "It was 70-80-hour weeks, so it was a very stressful position. It was hard, but easy to make that decision."

In 2009, with no other job to hold him back, McAllister opened the first In the Attic Too in Laurel, followed by the Red Salvage Barn in Jamesport five years later. "I ran the Red Salvage Barn where we did all the custom builds and the demo work—the architectural salvage," he says, noting that his daughter then joined him as a business partner to run the Laurel shop and paint the furniture.

They finally consolidated everything at the Peconic location in October 2020, and it turned out to be an excellent decision. Since coming to Peconic, McAllister and Ganguzza say they've been "overwhelmingly, outstandingly" busy. "It was a great move," he says.

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THIS CABINET WAS TRANSFORMED FOR A CLIENT FROM DARK BROWN TO NAVY BLUE WITH A WHITE INTERIOR AND WALLPAPERED BACKGROUND, AND THE TOP, WHICH HAD AN UNEVEN SPACING, WAS ALSO REPAIRED

Today, all aspects of In the Attic Too are in high demand. People come for salvage, raw items for their builds and all kinds of custom projects.

"Lately a lot of people are embracing colors and really fully changing pieces instead of what we used to do, which is just one color and paint the piece," McAllister explains. "It used to be where we'd just take a dresser and paint it white, but now it's evolved into multi-colors and combinations, and wallpaper inserted, hardware changes." He also points out that they get regular requests for reclaimed wood, which is all sourced locally, for fireplace mantles, shiplap walls, wrapping exposed beams and a number of other applications.

"Our customers really appreciate that their farm table was made out of a barn that came off of Indian Neck Lane, right down the road," McAllister says, noting that they do the physical labor of deconstructing old wood buildings in exchange for the wood. "We'll save them three or four 30-yard dumpsters, so they're saving $2,000-3,000 on dumpster fees, and they also feel good they get to repurpose their materials," he continues, pointing out that some barn owners feel pangs of regret dismantling historic structures, so they've come up with ways to ease that discomfort. "Often we'll build them something—we'll build a table out of that material or some benches, a picture frame, barn doors, things like that."

Since opening in Peconic, McAllister's wife, and Ganguzza's mother, Sue McAllister, has moved her candle-making business into the building. "She felt a little left out a few years ago," he says. "She felt like she wanted to do something other than paint furniture, so she learned how to make candles at home." Now her hand-poured, soy candle business is another part of the In the Attic Too experience.

Ganguzza's husband and her sister also work there. It's truly a family affair, and they try to make customers feel just as welcome.

"We try to keep our prices fair. I learned early on in the business, the idea is to sell everything at an affordable price so that people are happy, and then the next time you come back you're guaranteed to see all new stuff because we've turned over the inventory so fast," McAllister says. "It might be worth $300, but I might have to wait nine months for that to sell for $300. We turn it over quick [by selling for much less]. They're happy and we're happy because we love buying stuff. It's a fun cycle."

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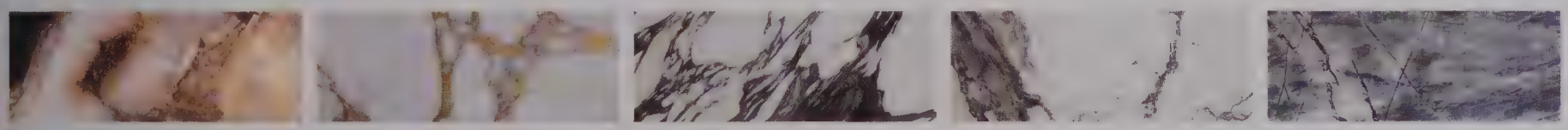

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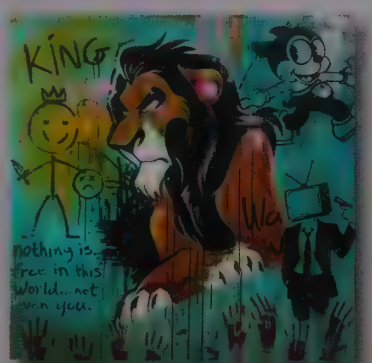

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provided with a map of the tour sites and a look at the wonderful garden-related raffle items. Tickets are $60 in advance and $65 at the door.
174 Main Street, Sag Harbor. Sagharborhistorical.org

OPEN STUDIO PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH ARTIST SCOTT BLUEDORN

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 5 P.M.

For 90 years, Guild Hall has been a focal point of entertainment in the East End Community. For this event, bring your own brushes and acrylic paints to this kaleidoscopic opportunity to paint alongside artist-in-residence Scott Bluedorn in Guild Hall's Minikes Garden. Admission is free with a suggested donation and you can register on the website. In case of inclement weather, the session will be moved indoors.
158 Main Street, East Hampton. guildhall.org

WAINSCOTT STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2-4 P.M.

Feast on a fluffy fresh strawberry shortcake on the verdant lawn of the Wainscott Chapel or take it home to enjoy with your family. All proceeds benefit the Wainscott Chapel, a non-denominational community center used by organizations such as the Wainscott Sewing Society, which stitches skillfully for the benefit of those in need. Strawberry treats are $10 for adults and $5 for children.
65 Main Street, Wainscott. wainscottchapel.org/events

WHBPAC GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 9 A.M.

Grab your clubs and drive the Westhampton Beach Performing Arts Center to success. Enjoy a beautiful day on the greens of the Westhampton Country Club. Following your round, get ready to win big at the live auction. New this year, tennis players will also get to show off their A-game and partake in the fabulous cocktail party.
35 Potunk Lane, Westhampton Beach. Whbpac.org

VIRTUAL EVENTS

STREAM SPIRITUAL YOGA

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 7:30 P.M.

Hamptons Yoga Healing Arts offers a spacious studio as well as private yoga sessions in your home or via Zoom. This special live stream event is based on developing a brave mind and combating the enemy of self-ignorance. You can stream a single event for $20 or purchase five fantastic classes for $90. Sessions can be purchased on the website.
8 Moniebogue Lane, Westhampton Beach. hamptonsyogahealingarts.com

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THE FIRST JEWISH AMERICANS: FREEDOM AND CULTURE IN THE NEW WORLD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2 P.M.

The Rogers Memorial Library frequently hosts special events for curious learners. This virtual discussion includes maps, portraits and other documents that explore the history of Jewish Americans in the New World. You can register online ahead of time for the Zoom meeting ID and passcode.
91 Coopers Farm Road, Southampton. myrml.org

DRAWDOWN ON THE FUTURE: A CONVERSATION FOR OUR CHANGING TIMES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 7 P.M.

The Hampton Bays Public Library is known for its idyllic setting and resources for the community. This Zoom presentation will focus on what we can do to create a more sustainable future, including food, fashion and landscaping options. E-mail the library ahead of time for a Zoom link and password.
52 Ponquogue Avenue, Hampton Bays. dvalle@hamptonbayslibrary.org, hamptonbayslibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

SAG HARBOR ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

JUNE 19 & 20.

The Sag Harbor Chamber of Commerce presents the first of two annual arts and crafts events in Marine Park against a backdrop of luxury yachts, one block from historic Main Street. Discover photography, jewelry, paintings, baskets, seashells, moonshine and so much more.
Marine Park Drive, Sag Harbor. sagharborchamber.com

SHM ART & ARTISAN FAIR

JUNE 19 & 20.

Join Southampton History Museum on the grounds of the Rogers Mansion in the heart of downtown Southampton for this special showcase of artists and artisans selling some of their best work. This event will be happening in conjunction with the museum's Carriage House Shop where patrons can find unique and interesting antique pieces.
17 Meeting House Lane, Southampton. southamptonhistory.org

Find more events online at DansPapers.com/Events

LYNN SAVARESE'S "ADAGIO" ON VIEW AT THE WHITE ROOM GALLERY

OH...POOL BOY!

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 11.

The White Room Gallery has gotten exceptional reviews from Hampton natives and visitors ever since it opened in 2015. It's known for its beauty, energy and originality. A perfect artistic indulgence for summer, the *Oh...Pool Boy!* exhibition focuses on a celebration of tropical vacations and romance.
2415 Main Street, Bridgehampton. thewhiteroom.gallery

13 AMERICAN ARTISTS: A CELEBRATION OF HISTORIC WORK

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 17.

The original Eric Firestone Gallery supports the creative visions of a variety of local artists. This summer, fans of American contemporary creators can view the collection Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
4 Newton Lane, East Hampton. ericfirestonegallery.com

AFFINITIES FOR ABSTRACTION: WOMEN ARTISTS ON EASTERN LONG ISLAND

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 18.

The Parrish Art Museum focuses on the rich creative history of Long Island's South Shore. This summer, check out the work of 42 lionhearted lady artists who have called the Hamptons home for at least part of their lives. The pieces featured span a time period from 1950 to 2020. You can visit the museum from Saturday to Monday, as well as Thursdays from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Fridays, the museum remains open until 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.
276 Montauk Highway, Water Mill. parrishart.org

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

WHAT TO DO. WHERE TO GO. WHERE TO PLAY.

LIVE SHOWS

JOE HAMPTON AT PINDAR VINEYARDS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 1–5 P.M.

Stroll the grounds of the bucolic Pindar Vineyards, which offers a fine selection of signature whites and reds, while listening to some enlivening popular classics supplied by local musician Joe Hampton. Tables are supplied on a first-come, first-serve basis but you're welcome to arrive with your own blankets or chairs. If you're feeling culinary, pack your own picnic lunch and purchase a bottle of bubbly on the premises. Outside catering is not permitted.

39654 Main Road, Peconic. pindar.net

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OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

HAVENS FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 9 A.M.–12:30 P.M.

Nothing polishes off a summer morning on the East End like a stroll around a fresh farmer's market. Enjoy fresh pickles, meats, cheeses and dairy sold by local gardeners and artisans. Held on the grounds of the Shelter Island History Center, admission is free, but donations are always appreciated.

16 South Ferry Road, Shelter Island. shelterislandhistorical.org

SHELTER ISLAND 10K & 5K RUN/WALK

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 5 P.M.

The annual race challenges runners of all ages and skill levels to run through Shelter Island to benefit Cohen's Children's Medical Center and the Shelter Island Run.

33 North Ferry Road, Shelter Island. Shelterislandrun.com

STRAWBERRY DAYS AT THE SHOPPES AT EAST WIND

JUNE 19 & 20, 10 A.M.–5 P.M.

Those who can't get enough of those syrupy strawberries in the summer will go berry crazy for the Strawberry Festival at the Shoppes. Enjoy up to fifteen outdoor vendors on the weekends, as well as adorable crafts, gifts and food selections. All you need to do is show up with your appetite.

5768 Route 25A, Wading River. eastwindlongisland.com

North Fork Events

VIRTUAL EVENTS

RESTORE EASE WITH NORTH FORK YOGA SHALA

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 6 P.M.

Yogis will bend over backward for this treat for the body, mind and soul. Those who struggle with tension and anxiety will enjoy stress relief, mindfulness and increased flexibility from the comfort of their homes. Sign up on their website, where you can pay $25 for drop-in classes or get a discount on class packages.

northforkyogashala.com

TAKE A DIVE INTO GROUP COACHING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, NOON–1:30 P.M.

Budding coaches in any profession can get quality instruction on building their skills from this Zoom webinar taught by experienced trainer Katerina Kanelidou. Learn how to expand your understanding of the unique needs of your clients and how to structure your programs. Registration is $15.

icf-li.org/event-4332633

TAI CHI WITH DENISE GILLES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16, 5 P.M.

Tai Chi is known for decreasing stress, improving moods and boosting energy and stamina. This special local event will take place via Zoom, and you can register on the Shelter Island Public Library's website.

shelterislandpubliclibrary.org

ART EXHIBITIONS

SPRING INTO COLLECTING EXHIBITION

ON VIEW THROUGH JUNE 27.

For years, the Alex Ferrone Gallery in Cutchogue has been known for its fine taste in recognizing emerging local photographers. Art fans will enjoy a diverse exhibition of paintings, photography and other mixed media created by artists from all over the world until the end of June. It can be viewed every Friday and Saturday from noon–5 p.m. You can also stop in Monday–Thursday by appointment or when the "open" flag is flying.

25425 Main Road, Cutchogue. alexferronegallery.com

WORKING IN SYNCHRONY EXHIBITION

ON VIEW THROUGH JULY 11.

With a past that encompasses Pennsylvania, New Jersey and finally Long Island, the William Ris Gallery has a rich history of commitment to artistic integrity. Those who appreciate the finer things will bask in the light, texture and atmosphere imbued by the carefully curated exhibit this summer. You can stop by Thursday–Monday from noon–5 p.m., or call for a private appointment.

1291 Main Road, Jamesport. williamris.com

DETOUR II ART EXHIBITION

ON VIEW THROUGH SEPTEMBER 5.

Check out the works of established artists who reside at least part-time on Long Island's peaceful East End, many of whom have flourishing careers but had yet to display their work so close to home. The East End Art Galleries provides showcasing opportunities for local artists and presents musical instruction to both adults and children. The exhibit can be viewed on the weekends from noon–4 p.m. You can also enjoy the art on Thursdays from noon–5 p.m. and on Fridays from 4–7 p.m.

133 East Main Street & 11 West Main Street, Riverhead. eastendarts.org

"BAMBOO IN FOG" BY SEUNG LEE AT ALEX FERRONE GALLERY

OUT & ABOUT ON THE EAST END

TOP 5 FAMILY EVENTS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

HARBES PIG RACES

JUNE 18–20.

The racetrack? Harbes Family Farm in Mattituck. The competitors? Five friendly farm pigs: Bonnie Blue, Gomer Green, Yellow Yanni, Ruby Red and Penelope Purple. The winner? Well, you'll have to see for yourself.
715 Sound Ave, Mattituck. 631-482-7641, harbesfamilyfarm.com

OCEAN FRIENDLY GARDENS WITH SURFRIDER LONG ISLAND

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, NOON.

The popular East Hampton venue Guild Hall hosts weekly family events on Saturdays, taught by local educators. This week's workshop is centered around how backyard gardens can be used to prevent pollution from reaching the ocean.
158 Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-0806, guildhall.org

BUG LIGHT CRUISE & TOUR

SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 5 P.M.

One way to know that this tour is an authentic way to learn the history behind the North Fork's most storied lighthouse is that it's narrated by the great-grandson of William H. Follett, the last keeper of the lighthouse. The tour is hosted by the East End Seaport Museum, a fun place to visit in its own right.
103 3rd Street, Greenport. 631-477-2100, eastendseaport.org

FAMILY POWERHOUSE PILATES

MONDAYS THROUGH JUNE 28, 10 A.M.

Families are invited to join instructor Leisa DeCarlo to learn the the basics of Pilates through a series of exercises designed to work all major muscle groups. Pilates focuses on strengthening and lengthening as well as alignment and coordination. Zoom registration is free but required.
quoguelibrary.org

FULL STRAWBERRY MOON HIKE AT THE SOUTH FORK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 8:30 P.M.

Hike through open trails under the night sky and experience what the Algonquin tribe called the "Strawberry Moon;" so-called because it directly precedes the summer strawberry season. Register on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing greenbeltnews@aol.com.
377 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-9735, sofo.org

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FUN FAMILY ATTRACTIONS TO CHECK OUT THIS WEEK:

Out & About with the Kids

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE EAST END

Interactive children's programs and exhibits abound in this 7,000-square-foot Bridgehampton museum.
376 Bridgehampton/Sag Harbor Turnpike, Bridgehampton. 631-537-8250, cmee.org

THE ALL STAR

Reserve a bowling lane, hit the arcade, play billiards and dine at the in-house All Star Grill, all at this exciting entertainment venue.
96 Main Road, Riverhead. 631-998-3565, theallstar.com.

THE CLUBHOUSE HAMPTONS

With its 18-hole mini golf course, arcade and bowling lanes, kids will love spending an evening at The Clubhouse Hamptons. Adults will appreciate its frequent live music events and outdoor bar. It's also great for birthday parties. 174 Daniels Hole Road, East Hampton.
631-537-2695, clubhousehamptons.com

LONG ISLAND MINI GOLF PARK

A well-constructed mini golf course full of waterfalls, bunkers and ramps. The organizers often host "Putt-a-thons" and competitive tournaments for kids and adults alike. The space can also be reserved for parties.
149 Edwards Avenue, Calverton. 516-978-0261, longislandminigolf.com

HAMPTONS MINI GOLF

A more recently built mini golf course that features Hamptons landmarks as obstacles to putt your way around. A driving range and batting cages are also located on-site.
668 County Road 39, Southampton. 631-283-2158, hamptonminigolf.com

LONG ISLAND AQUARIUM

All kinds of aquatic animals are on offer at this expansive aquarium. Both the indoor and outdoor exhibits are great to explore. Consider making an online reservation if you are really interested in seeing a certain animal (like, say, the African penguins).
431 East Main Street, Riverhead. 631-208-9200, longislandaquarium.com

SAG HARBOR CINEMA

The recently re-opened, nonprofit movie theater is currently screening both new big-budget Hollywood productions, as well as older classics and indie films.
90 Main Street, Sag Harbor. 631-725-0010, sagharborcinema.org

EAST HAMPTON HISTORICAL FARM MUSEUM

At this museum, visitors are taken back to the 19th century to learn how Bonac families who farmed East Hampton land lived and prospered. The exhibits are interactive and the space, a restored farmhouse, is a lot of fun to explore.
131 North Main Street, East Hampton. 631-324-3892, ehhistoricalfarmmu.wixsite.com/ehhfm

HITHER HILLS STATE PARK

A great place to go to jump in the ocean or play some sports. The park features fishing, a playground, volleyball courts and softball fields. You can even see some of Napeague Harbor's famous "walking dunes" at the park's eastern border.
164 Old Montauk Highway, Montauk. 631-668-2554, parks.ny.gov/parks/hitherhills

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF LONG ISLAND

They are clearly passionate about what they do at the Railroad Museum of Long Island. The indoor exhibitions show off dozens of artifacts from long-forgotten subway stations. Outside, though, is where the real fun begins: 15 immaculately preserved railway cars, each with a different history to learn.
416 Griffing Avenue, Riverhead. 631-727-7920, rmli.org

FOOD & DRINK

Dan's Taste Presents

Chefs of the Hamptons

Dan's TASTE DansTaste.com

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

It's the summer kickoff event of the season—and it's back—safely!

The excitement is building for Dan's **Chefs of the Hamptons**, the East End's premiere foodie experience when it returns on June 24 to celebrate both the 10th anniversary of Dan's Taste events and Guild Hall's 90th anniversary.

Tickets to this exclusive event are still on sale at DansTaste.com. And for those who love fine dining, this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to taste the artistry of some of the top chefs in the Hamptons while sipping on curated cocktails and wines.

The one-of-a-kind culinary celebration will take place at the luxury EHP Resort & Marina in East Hampton, which overlooks Three Mile Harbor—one of the East End's most-visited destinations for jaw-dropping sunsets.

"We are excited to kick off our summer series of events at the new EHP Resort & Marina with Chefs of the Hamptons in celebration of Guild Hall's 90th Anniversary," says Josh Schneps, CEO and copublisher of Schneps Media, the parent company of *Dan's Papers*.

The event is both indoor and outdoor and will be weather-proofed and covered from the elements. To ensure the safety and comfort of guests, Schneps and event producers are working with the company CLEAR to make sure all the guests are either vaccinated or have a negative COVID test, as well as a health screening prior to arrival.

"Guild Hall is a premier cultural institution and we are proud to sponsor with them the event under COVID rules," says Victoria Schneps-Yunis, president and copublisher of *Dan's Papers* and Schneps Media.

New York Times food and wine writer Florence Fabricant, Guild Hall trustee and member of Who's Who of Food and Beverage in America is chairing the event, which will begin with a sumptuous, curated cocktail hour followed by a six-course pairing dinner and delicious desserts.

"Just as the Hamptons have been notable as a magnet for artists and writers as well as scenesters, it has long been a place that has attracted the food world, upper echelon chefs and writers," says Fabricant, who for many years produced Guild Hall's annual Stirring the Pot conversation series hosting some of the most renowned chefs and cookbook authors in the country.

"The food scene continues to be alive and well as the products of the surrounding lands and sea inspire chefs," she says, "so it's worthwhile that the chefs of the Hamptons are celebrated."

The all-star lineup of chefs from the finest Hamptons kitchens will delight guests with locally sourced signature dishes matched with exceptional wines.

This year's Chefs of the Hamptons features the artistry of:

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DANE SAYLES
EHP Resort & Marina

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Gail Watson Bread

CAROL BECKER
William Greenberg Desserts

For Andrea Grover, executive director of Guild Hall, the event is the perfect pairing of cuisine and culture:

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Dan's for the second time on Chefs of the Hamptons," says Grover. "It's really our kick off event for our 90th season. We will be not only be celebrating the incredible artistry of chefs in the region but also kicking off our 90th anniversary and the publication of our *Guild Hall for All* book which is a look back at the artists, performers, writers and creative personalities that have been part of the family at Guild Hall since 1931."

A port of ticket proceeds will benefit nonprofit organizations, including **Guild Hall, Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York**, a charity serving children, families and individuals with developmental disabilities across New York City and Long Island, and **All For The East End** which raises funds for local nonprofits and is currently focusing on food insecurity through AFTEE's 'Feed the Need' program.

The return of **Chefs of the Hamptons**, a signature Hamptons culinary event celebrating all that is local, tasteful, and artful for a cause, marks an exciting, hopeful start to a special summer season to be savored.

As Fabricant puts it: "This has been a difficult year, all the more reason to applaud the chefs that have kept at it!"

Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons, celebrating Guild Hall's 90th Anniversary, is on June 24 from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m at EHP Resort & Marina, 295 Three Mile Harbor Hog Creek Road, East Hampton. Tickets are limited and available at DansTaste.com

There are seven Dan's Taste events this season! Dan's **Chefs of the Hamptons** (June 24) Dan's **Chefs of the North Fork** (July 10), Dan's **Rosé Soirée** (July 24), Dan's **Grill-Hampton** (August 19), Dan's **Taste of Two Forks** (August 21), **Dan's Clambake MTK** (August 28) and Dan's **Dinner in the Vines** (September 25). Tickets at: DansTaste.com

For info on Guild hall: guildhall.org

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Dan's Taste 2021 Chefs Countdown: Matty Boudreau, Pig Beach

Pitmasters Matty Boudreau and Rob Shawger are firing up the grill at Dan's GrillHampton to present guests and judges with some of the mouth-watering dishes on offer at Pig Beach in Brooklyn. Boudreau already has three GrillHampton contest awards under his belt, so the question is: Will he take home number four at the epic event on August 19 and 20?

BARBARA LASSEN

CHEF MATTY BOUDREAU

First word (or words) that comes to mind when you hear "Taste of Summer?"
Get the grill ready!

Where do you draw your inspiration from?
Looking at hungry faces waiting for killer food.

You can invite three people, living or dead, to your dinner party. Who are they, and what would that meal be?
Winston Churchill, he is in charge of cigars and bubbles. Julia Child, she is my favorite boss of all time. Jeff Mitcher, our dearly departed pitmaster from Pig Beach to hang for one more night. Caviar until we puke, little necks on ice, seared Montauk tuna, Pinkerton's BBQ, Lucali pizza, BuddhaBerry.

What's your favorite dish to prepare, and do you enjoy eating it as much as preparing it?
Tacos. Who doesn't love tacos?

What is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?
Don't eat yellow snow.

Share your funniest, most unforgettable or oddest kitchen incident.
Finding a cook asleep in the freezer.

Who do you most admire in the food/wine world and why?
Rob Shawger, when I grow up, I want to eat like Rob!

What is going to be the "next big thing" on the East End food scene?
Pig Beach pop-ups in 2022!

What are your hobbies, passions and interests outside the world of food, wine and work?
Love traveling, I was born a rambling man.

What's your comfort food and why?
Matt Abdoo's pasta, because it's awesome!

If you were not in the food or wine business, what would you be doing?
Sky diving instructor.

What is the most memorable thing you've ever tasted?
Smoked day boat prawns at Asador Etxebarri—insane!

What recent travels have you taken that have inspired you?
We just bought a place in Valencia, Spain—foodie heaven!

What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Being part of a BBQ family that knows how to kick ass and have fun while making amazing barbecue. And my partner in crime, Lianne Alcon, loving and putting up with me. Love you!

What's a unique kitchen ritual you practice?
I talk to the equipment—helps keep them working. And you can only sing DMX or Christmas songs in my kitchen.

What has surprised you the most about working in the East End culinary scene?
Nothing surprising about working alongside the best chefs here, all of these guys rock! Might be nice to have a few more dishwashers though.

What is your go to karaoke song?
"Paradise by the Dashboard Light" by Meatloaf.

It's your last weekend on earth—what's the menu?
Sukiyabashi Jiro's sushi, Massimo Bottura's *aglio olio e peperoncino*, Victor Arguinzoniz's charred steak, my grandmother Edith's coffee cake and a Pondini organic cheese spread.

For tickets and info on all Dan's Taste events, visit DansTaste.com. Pig Beach is located at 480 Union Street, Brooklyn. Call (917) 259-1176 or visitpigbeachnyc.com to learn more.

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Florence Fabricant: An Illustrious New York Food Writer's Life

BY LEE MEYER

Florence Fabricant is a storied food writer, having begun her career writing for *The East Hampton Star* before moving on to a highly successful, ongoing run at *The New York Times*. Her Hamptons connections go all the way back to her childhood, exploring the beach with friends and family.

Fabricant's Hamptons heritage is what has helped drive her love of food and success, and she has been a true East Ender since she was a young girl. "I've been coming to this area since I was 12 years old," Fabricant says, noting that the beach is what kept her coming back. "One of my close school friends had a house on Gin Lane in Southampton, so I would visit her there and then my parents, when I was in high school, rented in Westhampton and then when I got married my husband had been going to Fire Island and I wasn't interested in Fire Island, felt it was too limited, so we started coming out to Westhampton and really started exploring the area. We realized we didn't like Westhampton that much, and visited friends in Water Mill and friends in East Hampton and wound up in Wainscott and rented for a few years then built a house which we occupied for 10–12 years and then sold because we outgrew it. We've been where we are now ever since, which has been since 1977."

"You turn the clock back, and I mean way back, there was always a restaurant scene here," Fabricant says.

Fabricant's food writing career began, surprisingly, out of frustration. After her kids were old enough to go to school full-time, Fabricant wanted to go back to work, but rather than return to her previous work in marketing and advertising research, found a different calling. "I started at *The East Hampton Star* mainly out of frustration, because I knew whose house had a card table set out front where you could buy great tomatoes and I knew enough to go to the Green Thumb—and in those days it took 10 minutes, not an hour. I knew that Mrs. [Sharon] Bistrian sold her corn near the firehouse. To go into the A&P and see people buying these pale, hard tomatoes in their plastic package in the middle of summer or balls of iceberg lettuce infuriated me!" she says. "And I grew up in a family where my mother was a good cook. My parents were foodies back in those days. They went to all the new restaurants, so food has always been something I did and was interested in. I lived in Europe and that was part of it, too, and I decided that somebody's got to wake these people up, so I wrote a column about in the *Star*."

From the *Star*, Fabricant began writing pieces for *The New York Times*. "I started doing pieces for their Long Island section and it gradually became more regular and then, after a few years, I started doing pieces for living and travel and so on and it became kind of set in stone," she says. "I've always been sort of on the newsbeat when it came to food. I started doing the restaurant column because one of the top editors, Warren Hoge, said that I have a nose for news and would I do a restaurant column."

In writing for *The New York Times* and being a lifelong Hamptonite, Fabricant has seen the East End food scene evolve and grow. "You turn the clock back, and I mean way back, there was always a restaurant scene here," Fabricant says. "In the days when French restaurants in Manhattan would close for a month or two in summer, which was what their practice was in Europe—and why not do it here?—you had top French chefs coming out here and cooking. There was always a food angle here. Over the years, just as the area has attracted writers and artists, it's attracted the food world, as well."

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FLORENCE FABRICANT

"In terms of restaurants, it's a very tough business. Particularly out here, I don't care if you're talking about Southampton or Sag Harbor, wherever—you're talking about four months and mainly on weekends. The difficulty of getting help, housing help...at one time it was really tough to get ingredients. It's not as difficult now because there's such demand," Fabricant says. "I think restaurateurs increasingly have seen their audience moves out here and so they follow. I mean, look at all the popups. You never had that before...And when I hear people say that such-and-such restaurant is too expensive for out here, you say to them, 'Do you realize how much more it costs to do a restaurant out here? A lot of restaurants house their help!' and you get those that realize, like the whole Nick & Toni's group, that multiplying their presence helps the bottom line. And they've done it extremely effectively."

Fabricant also notes that celebrity chef culture has been successful out here. "You have a lot of Katie Lees moving out here for the summer in the same way you would have a movie star," she says. "It's a great place. I think their friends and acquaintances and contacts and publicists are out here, so why not?" But Fabricant also points out that the local professional are just as significant. "I think it's nice that you've got celebrity chefs, but at the same time there is a lot of homegrown talent."

In the future, Fabricant hopes to see more diversity in the East End restaurant industry. "I think what they've done with Coche Comedor [in Amagansett] is commendable," she says. "They seem to have caught on. I think that in the future, fingers crossed, more of that diversity will continue." And, Fabricant implores, "Buy local!"

Florence Fabricant will be honored at Dan's Chefs of the Hamptons on Thursday, June 24 at the new luxury EHP Resort & Marina. Limited tickets are available at DansTaste.com and a portion of proceeds will benefit 501(c)(3) organizations including Guild Hall, Little Flower Children and Family Services of New York and All For The East End (AFTEE), which raises funds that are available through a grant process to support the work of nonprofit organizations of the East End.

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CHEF HIGHLIGHT: NED BALDWIN, HOUSEMAN RESTAURANT

Ned Baldwin is the chef-owner of **Houseman** restaurant in New York City. He divides his time between there and Orient on the North Fork. Before diving into the restaurant world, he studied art and philosophy at Bennington College in Vermont and earned a Master of Fine Arts in sculpture from Yale University. He grew up in Seattle where the food and culture at large are a mish-mash of influences from Europe and the Pacific rim. As a teenager he loved exploring the markets in the international district and did his best to visit as many pho restaurants as possible. His family loved to fish, and salmon was the prime target, so he grew up eating it in a variety of forms. His favorite was always his grandma Hazel's smoked salmon dip. He serves a similar dish with bluefish. Baldwin also wrote a cookbook called *How to Dress an Egg* and was previously chef de cuisine of the critically acclaimed Prune restaurant. Enjoy his recipe on the opposite page.

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Walking around Sag Harbor? The seafood restaurant and market **Dock House** is once again open for business and here to deliver delicious seafood favorites to the harbor. While seating is allowed in their cozy lobster shack, it is limited so if you miss the boat grab to-go and enjoy on a bench at the wharf overlooking the water. You can enjoy tasty chowders and bisque, lobster, salads, and seafood platters, best of all Dock House is BYOB so you can bring your favorite beverages to enjoy.

How about incredible sunset views accompanied by great food? Count on **The Beacon** to deliver both. The dockside restaurant is offering two-course sunset dinner specials for $75. Choose a starter or salad and an entrée, menu highlights include salmon rillette, sesame-crusted tuna and pork chop Milanese.

St. Tropez meets the Hamptons at **Le Bilboquet**. Enjoy French cuisine inside the chic dining room or dine out on the patio and relish the amazing water and sunset views. Bar seating is permitted and encouraged at the grand horseshoe main bar centered at the heart of the restaurant. Your visit will transport you to the coast of France.

Tutto Il Giorno is worth the drop in if you're in the mood for good Italian eats and have an appreciation for aesthetically pleasing eateries. Inspired by Italian and Parisian retail shops, Tutto shares space with Donna Karan's Urban Zen, so customers can satisfy their appetite for food AND shopping during their visit. Bite into burrata, pastas, fresh fish and delicious desserts such as the panna cotta, biscotti and tiramisu.

Seafood Lovers: **Citarella** has launched a series of custom seafood boxes just in time for summer. The boxes offer a variety of seafood hits like lobster rolls, tuna steaks, Joe's popular ceviche, sea scallops and more themed kits for easy hosting. Owner and fishmonger Joe Gurrera has made it his life's mission to demystify any misconceptions that cooking seafood needs to be challenging, and with these custom boxes he created, he will get to reinforce his many teachings and tricks. The boxes can be purchased online here for national delivery, in-store pick-up, or local delivery for parties ranging in size from two to six people.

If you place your national order by

4 p.m., you can expect to receive it within two days. To pick-up your order locally, place it by 4 p.m. to get it the next day.

Meat lovers: New York City butcher shop, **Piccinini Bros**, has announced it is now delivering to the East End of Long Island and will be offering a Father's Day Steak package that will surely please dad. The Classic NY Steak Butcher Box is available for $220 and includes a 16-ounce aged bone-in ribeye; a 32-ounce porterhouse steak; a 16-ounce dry-aged bone-in NY strip steak, and a two-to-three pound prime rib roast. Delivery is free with purchase; meats are freshly butchered and delivered by Piccinini trucks. Orders can be placed online at piccininibros.com.

Cookie lovers: **Tate's Bake Shop**, founded in Southampton over 20 years ago, has created a summer treat combining its signature thin, crispy cookie recipe with the fresh and fruity notes of blueberry. Tate's Blueberry Crisps are now available wherever Tate's are sold.

More new restaurants: Zach Erdem has opened **Buddha Lounge** in Southampton with Japanese cuisine in the building that houses **Blu Mar**. Think late night lounge. He also owns **75 Main** in that same town.

Also in Southampton, the short-lived Silver Lining Diner will open as **Lobster Roll Restaurant, a.k.a. Lunch** (at the site of the former Princess Diner) in the fall.

East Hampton Point Resort and Marina has a new restaurant, **Sí Sí**, a Mediterranean concept from the chef Dane Sayles who once toiled at Gurney's. **Kissaki**, the Water Mill Japanese hotspot has taken over the Zok-kon restaurant in East Hampton and will open **O by Kissaki** this month.

Il Buco al Mare, with chef Justin Smillie, will open at 231 Main Street in Amagansett. It replaces Sotto Sopra. It's the sister restaurant to the Il Bucos in Manhattan.

Also in Amagansett, **Main Street Tavern** offers a Daily Happy Hour from 3 p.m.-5 p.m., which includes cooling cocktails like El Diablo (tequila, cassis, lemon) and A Gentleman Pirate (rum, lime, pineapple), and bites like Zucchini Fritters and Kale & Frisée. On Fridays and Saturdays, The Tavern will be offering its famous burgers and fries, available from 10 p.m. to midnight for those seeking a late-night indulgence.

If you roamed the streets of Montauk last summer, you may have stumbled upon **Bravo Toast** in the cozy alley behind Cynthia Rowley's store. Childhood friends, Jack Della Femina and Nathan Katz, founded Bravo Toast in 2020 in hopes of curating a cooler concept of fast, casual dining. With a flagship set to open this fall in West Hollywood, their Montauk Bungalow will highlight their signature green goddess avocado toast with a selection of handcrafted drinks.

Did You Know That: You can travel to **Duryea's Lobster Deck** in Montauk by boat to dock and dine? ... The corn tortillas at **La Fondita** in Amagansett are all handmade daily?

Fun Food Facts: June 22 is National Onion Rings Day–yes please!

Quote of the Week: "One cannot think well, love well, sleep well, if one has not dined well."

~ Virginia Woolf

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Recipe:

Asparagus, Pea and Arugula Salad

THIS WEEK'S RECIPE: ASPARAGUS, PEA AND ARUGULA SALAD.

Here's a June salad perfect for the moment when peas and asparagus appear together at the farm stand. It comes together quickly. I make my version hyper-local with a garnish of foraged seaweed (ogo) from Oysterponds behind Latham's farm stand in Orient. The seaweed is a little lily gilding and is an optional ingredient. ~ Ned Baldwin, Houseman restaurant

SERVES 4

4 spears fat asparagus (or more of the skinny stuff)

1 cup sugar snap peas, cut into ½ inch pieces

1 bunch arugula, washed

1 tablespoon picked tarragon (substitute any soft herb from your garden like parsley or basil)

1 tablespoon white wine vinegar

2 tablespoons olive oil

1/4 teaspoon salt

3 medium radishes

1 small handful foraged ogo, triple-washed (optional)

Blanche the peas in a quart of water for just as long as it takes them to turn brilliant green, about 1 minute. Remove them to a plate on the counter to cool for 5 minutes. I use a mandoline to make asparagus ribbons which is cool but is also a little dangerous. Instead you can cut the asparagus into thin diagonal medallions. Do it however you feel comfortable. Combine the peas, asparagus, arugula and herbs in a bowl, anoint with olive oil and vinegar, sprinkle salt and mix thoroughly. Taste and adjust, if necessary, by adding a little more salt or vinegar. Move the salad to a serving plate and shave the radishes on top using a grater a microplane. If you opted to go wading, finish with the seaweed.

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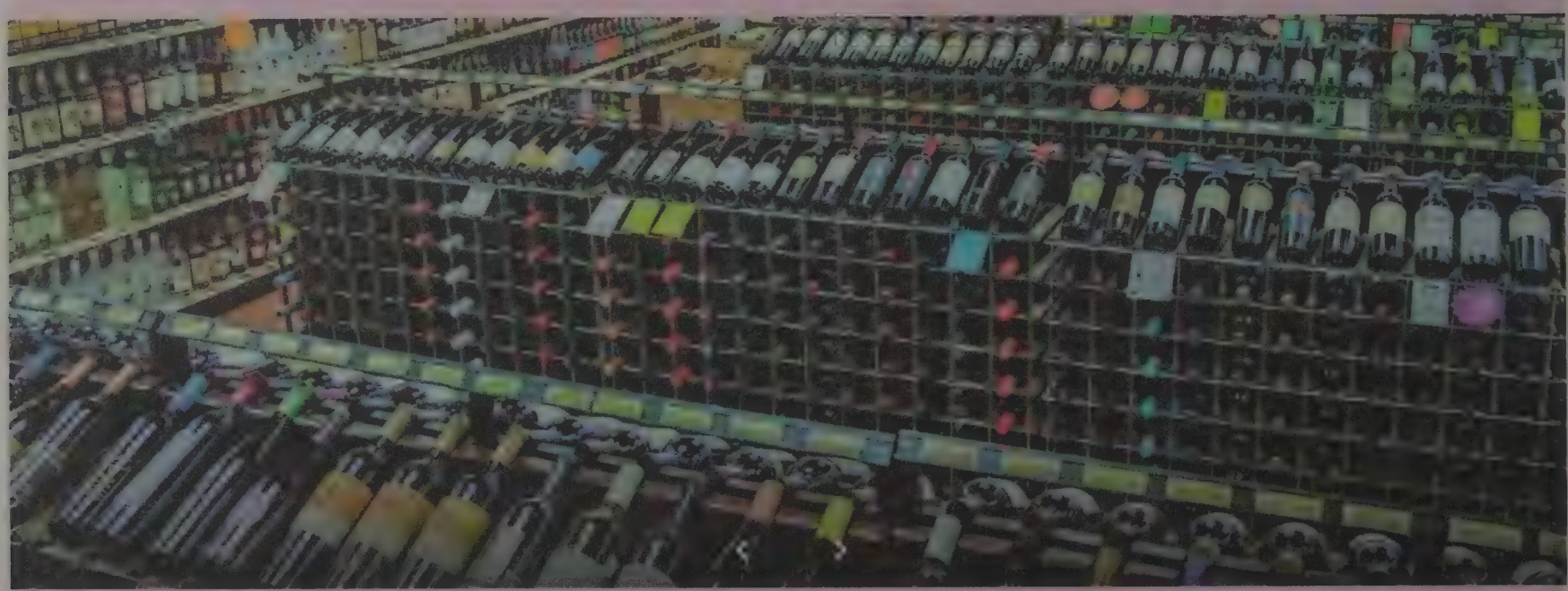

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"SO, I'VE WRITTEN THIS BOOK..."

As the author of four books, readers often ask what motivates me to write. Echoing the sentiment of the great Maya Angelou who once said, "There is no greater agony than bearing an untold story inside of you," I am driven by an insatiable desire to create literary work which flows undeterred through my conscience until it is published. This is my motivation, but with my latest book a greater purpose emerged which I could never have foreseen.

To be sure, the need to capture the grim history detailed in my new book *Long Island Migrant Labor Camps: Dust for Blood* was unavoidable. It covers the calamitous migratory labor system that gave rise to hundreds of slum-like labor camps that dominated much of Long Island, less than 100 miles from New York City, for more than half a century. The book fully chronicles the dramatic effects upon the inhabitants of those camps, most of whom were Black farmworkers from U.S. southern states, during what is known as "The Great Migration," who faced abuse, economic exploitation and were forced to reside in rundown shacks that were occasionally ravished by deadly fires which left the charred bodies of men, women and children. It also features the heroic efforts of several outspoken critics who protested the deplorable conditions of these camps and fought to improve the lot of migrant workers on Long Island.

So, I've written this book and it is by far my most important work to date. When I began this journey, I didn't realize that this history was never written about in any comprehensive way and even worse, it was nearly lost forever. This frustrated me because it occurred in a region renowned for the preservation of its history, including information on the arrival of the first settlers, the advent of the railroad, deadly hurricanes, and even the estimated age of giant oak trees! This enigma begs the question: how can a history, which adversely affected so many people for so long, have never been meaningfully written about before?

Presumably, since this is a dark part of New York's agricultural history, those in power deemed it best left untold. Or worse, perhaps no one else cared or had the wherewithal to commit to such an important task. The precise reason may never be known, but the absence of any substantial literary coverage on the history of the Long Island labor camps had a profound effect on me. I clearly felt the forces of history urging me along, and it gave rise to a moral and professional obligation that I could not ignore.

After all, if we lack the resolve to preserve history, then it truly disappears, leaving an irreplaceable void within us all. I was determined to not let that happen. That, together with the important subject matter, forged the indomitable motivation for me to complete this project.

So, I've written this book, but it has turned out to be much more. It is the resurrection of a history that was very nearly lost to the annals of time. Today it is a part of the permanent historical record of New York, and I cannot fathom a more worthy endeavor to be a part of.

Mark Torres, a North Fork resident, is the author of Long Island Migrant Labor Camps: Dust for Blood. *He has also authored two fictional crime novels:* A Stirring in the North Fork *and* Adeline, *along with a labor union-related children's book,* Good Guy Jake. *Mark is a labor attorney who represents thousands of individuals and families throughout the Greater New York area. He has a law degree from Fordham Law School and a bachelor's degree in history from New York University.*

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A Building with History Is Big Business on Main Street

BARBARA LASSEN

103 MAIN STREET, WESTHAMPTON BEACH - AN HISTORICAL LANDMARK, BUILT IN 1895 IS OPEN AND THRIVING WITH FIVE SHOPS

BY ANGELA LAGRECA

Not many people can say their former landlord was Ina Garten or that they helped save a landmark building, but for Susan Assalti it's all part of the history of the storefront building she bought from Garten 27 years ago at 103 Main Street in Westhampton Beach, which currently houses five local shops.

The original Barefoot Contessa store first opened for business in 1978 next door, at 108 Main Street—an anniversary that recently prompted Garten to post a photo and share the memory on her Instagram.

"Forty-three years ago today, I started my career in food in this tiny (400 square foot!) specialty food store in Westhampton Beach," she posted on June 3. "OMG it's been a crazy and fun ride!!

"The first day in the store, we grossed $87 (before expenses!) and we thought it was a disaster. But Friday was Memorial Day weekend (in the Hamptons!) and it turned out to

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be a very different story. We stayed up cooking and baking all night and I remember thinking how happy I was!"

If Garten was happy with her new venture, her growing legion of foodie fans were even happier, as the Barefoot Contessa became *the* gourmet food shop on the East End.

Three years later, she moved Contessa to 103 Main Street in Westhampton Beach. Along the way, Garten purchased the building and divided it into five stores, serving as the landlord to various shops, even after she vacated the space where the Barefoot Contessa had been.

So how did the Assalti's get involved? In the 1990s the Assaltis, who always loved being near the water, were renting in Westhampton and constantly "traveling back and forth" from their home in Lattingtown when Susan's son Lenny Messina became interested in the Häagen-Dazs ice cream shop at 103 Main Street. He purchased the business through a broker and started paying rent to Garten. And that got Susan Assalti thinking.

"I said, 'You know, it might be a good idea for us to look into this building and see if this is for sale'," says Assalti, who co-owned with her husband David several businesses, including a waterfront restaurant in Bayville and a salon in Locust Valley before the family decided to move out east and settle in Remensburg in 2002.

About a year after her son bought Häagen Dazs, Assalti approached the Barefoot Contessa.

"I said to Ina, 'If you are ever interested in selling the business, please contact me,' and she said, 'Oh I am interested,'" recalls Assalti. "It just so happened that at that time she was in negotiations for her East Hampton store. She was living in East Hampton and I think she was glad to be moving on and selling it. I knew that she knew it needed a lot of work."

The Assalti's bought the building from Garten in 1994. According to Susan, the storefront window was so bad it was "bowing out" but they bought it anyway because David, who was skilled in constuction, could fix it.

"That's what he always did, he renovated old buildings and was very good at it," says Susan. "I would get involved and decorate and then we would sell them. We love to buy and sell and fix real estate."

Even though at the time it needed work, the Assalti's thought 103 Main Street, with its architectural features, was "the nicest looking building on the block—just beautiful," says Susan.

Susan also thought it would be a good investment since the family "already had a business in the building." She was right. Today she estimates their investment has increased in value close to 500%.

Constructed in 1895, the building was purchased by Moses Weixenbaum in 1902 and became Weixenbaum's Market. For the most part, it has housed several markets including the Royal Scarlett, W. Heins Meat Market, the Westhampton Quogue Market and the Barefoot Contessa.

The 4,000-square-foot building currently houses five shops: Messina Jewelry, Häagen Dazs, Sugar Daddy's toy store, 103 Bambino's Pizza, and Mambo Café.-

"For the most part everybody gets along," says Assalti. "That's very important. When we rent to someone, we let them know the dynamics of the building, that everyone needs to get along."

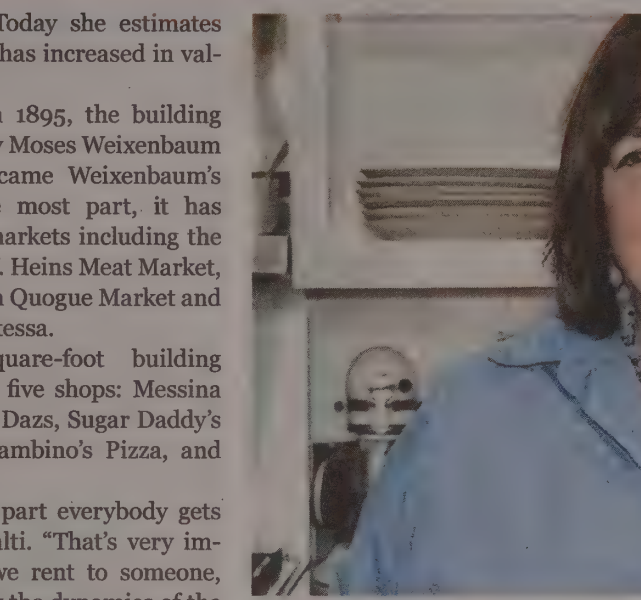
The building happens to back up to boats on the canal.

"In summer, people are always pulling up on their boats and grabbing an ice cream or a slice of pizza," says Assalti. "The nice thing is the town put tables right by the dock so people can grab and sit."

But it's the front of the building that drew in the couple.

"We love the tin architecture," says Susan. "In fixing it, David removed and then put back all of the original tin," she recalls proudly.

Susan is the buyer and designer of Messina Jewelry and her son Lenny Messina and his wife and partner Nicole Messina own the store. The Messina's also own Häagen-Dazs and Sugar Daddy's. Like any local business owner, she is grateful to be open again and back in business after a difficult year.



DANIEL GONZALEZ

INA GARTEN, WHOSE 'BAREFOOT CONTESSA' STORE RESIDED FOR YEARS AT 103 MAIN STREET, WESTHAMPTON BEACH

"We got through it... We worked with our tenants and our tenants worked with us," she says. "I am fortunate."

At Messina, Susan sells "only American-made jewelry ... gold, diamonds, silver and some costume jewelry. "I call it affordable luxury," she says. "I really shop it out and make sure that it is price points that people can afford."

The many longtime customers who walk into 103 Main Street "are like family," says Assalti.

"We have kids that used to shop in the toy store, now they work at Häagen Dazs," says Assalti. "We have watched these kids grow up and now they have children and their children are shopping in the toy store. It's terrific."

In terms of the current state of the village, Assalti says she sees "a great change" and thinks "it is all for the positive."

"Now that they have done the town over and they've improved everything," she says. "I see it is very family oriented, a lot of people with young children, it's very safe there, you feel comfortable ... the people who came here during COVID, they're not leaving ... the first thing people say is they don't have to drive another two hours to get to Montauk or East Hampton on that one road. You get off the expressway and you're here."

As a longtime business owner and commercial real estate investor, Assalti is optimistic for the future.

"The town is definitely growing," she says. "We are getting quite a few new businesses ... I think next year we are going to get more restaurants once the sewers go in. It's a big job, it's huge, but you can thank [Westhampton Beach Mayor] Maria Moore for that...I can't commend Maria and the board enough. They have done a great job and have done so much for the town."

And though the Assalti's like to buy and sell real estate, their investment in 103 Main Street seems to be for the long haul.

"The most gratifying thing is I come in in the morning and I look at the building and I say, 'I am so blessed to be able to have this and to have the wonderful community I live in and be able to work five minutes from my home,'" says Assalti.

"And that we saved a landmark," she says with a smile. "That makes me feel good."

Messina Jewelry, Häagen Dazs, Sugar Daddy's, 103 Bambino's Pizza, and Mambo Café are located at 103 Main Street, Westhampton Beach.

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Last-minute East End *Father's Day* Gift Guide

BY WHITNEY LYNN

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A great gift for your fisherman father is a trip out on Montauk's famous Lazy Bones charter boat. With daily half-day trips, find a time for you and dad to hit the seas to catch a fluke dinner for the family. *474 W. Lake Drive, Montauk, lazybonesmontauk.com*

BOOKHAMPTON

Find your dad the perfect summer beach read at East Hampton's BookHampton. For history buff dads, we recommend Daniel James Brown's latest book *Facing the Mountain*. For excitement and local history, try journalist Amanda Millner Fairbanks' *The Lost Boys of Montauk. 41 Main Street, East Hampton. bookhampton.com*

FAHERTY

This Sag Harbor shop has a perfect selection of clothing for your surfer dad to wear in and out of the water. We recommend the Beacon trunks, which come in seven different style patterns. The swim shorts are quick drying and comfortable. Stylish enough to wear out of the water with a tee shirt or button down. *56 Main Street, Sag Harbor. fahertybrand.com*

WESTHAMPTON FINE WINE

Being a dad is hard work! Treat your loved one with a bottle of his favorite liquor from Westhampton Fine Wine. If he are more of a wine drinker, we recommend a bottle of the 2014 Dumol Isobel Sonoma Coast Chardonnay. For someone who prefers spirits, we recommend a bottle of the 12-year aged Yamazaki Suntory Single Malt Whisky. *171 Montauk Highway, Westhampton Beach. westhamptonfinewine.com*

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INNERSLEEVE

For the nostalgic, music-loving dads we recommend heading over to Innersleeve Records in Amagansett to pick up their favorite vinyl. Innersleeve has both new and vintage records in stock. So whether your dad is a Deadhead or a fan of the Weeknd, Innersleeve has you covered. *199 Main Street, Amagansett. facebook.com/innersleeverecords*

RYLAND LIFE EQUIPMENT

Ryland Life Equipment is a men's lifestyle brand located in Sag Harbor. It has everything from apparel to cologne to duffle bags. You can't go wrong with the Lotuff Leather Bifold Wallet, which comes in green, chestnut, indigo and olive. Pair it with any of the Father's Day cards displaying classic dad jokes. *26 Madison Street, Sag Harbor. rylandlife.com*

ALOOF ICON

For the aspiring mixologist dad, we recommend the bartending glass set from Aloof Icon. The set includes four glasses that each provide a simple recipe teaching you to make a different cocktail. *87 Jobs Lane, Southampton. alooficon.com*

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EAST END BOATING

Wave of Demand Makes it Harder to Rock a Boat

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BY TIMOTHY BOLGER

Setting sail on a new boat of your own may prove tricky this summer, as pent-up demand for vessels this vacation season has left many mariners up the creek without a paddle.

Since a wave of consumer demand and sinking supply levels have made purchasing new watercraft difficult for the boating public, the increased interest has spilled over into the motor boat rental and charter industry as well.

"Our boating club is already half sold out," said Joe Ialacci, CEO of Sag Harbor-based Yacht Hampton, a luxury boat rental company that has more than 30 multimillion-dollar yachts available for private chartered excursions. "We are seeing the perfect storm in our business: Increase in demand, less availability of boats for purchase due to manufacturing and shipping delays, and decreased availability of slips for dockage."

As *Dan's Papers* has reported, demand has spiked and supply is short on the East End and beyond for everything from cars to housing—both in the rental market and for people looking to buy. The trend comes as tourism season returns to Long Island and New York State is largely lifting restrictions that had been imposed to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Inventory levels of new boats are the leanest they've ever been, and boats are being sold as soon as they hit the marketplace as manufacturers work to fulfill the backlog of orders," said Vicky Yu, senior director of business intelligence for National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA). "Boat builders continue facing supply side constraints, and the challenge ahead will be keeping leads evergreen as inventories get replenished and life returns to normal."

Sales of boats and related products were up 9% last year over 2019, hitting a 13-year national high of $47 billion, and the number of first-time boat buyers was also up 10%—the first increase in a decade, according to the NMMA.

Citing that influx of rookie boaters, local officials recently reminded the public that Brianna's Law went into effect on January 1, requiring all operators of motorized watercraft to complete a state-approved boating safety course by the year 2025. Under this law, new age groups are gradually added to those required to carry a boater card.

"What would otherwise be a minor emergency or inconvenience on land, can turn into a dire situation on the water if you're not prepared," said Acting Suffolk Police Commissioner Stu Cameron. "Take that safety course even if it's not required. You'll definitely learn something and it will help you be more safe."

Others looking to enjoy a day on the water are sticking with charters to avoid rookie mistakes by having a licensed captain do all the navigating for them. And it's not just the yacht set that's seeing an increase. So too are the fishing charter boats.

A new study from FishingBooker finds that the charter fishing industry in Montauk saw its bookings grow by 138%, making it the seventh-fastest-growing spot in the nation and No. 1 in the state.

"I knew that we're in a resilient industry, but when the lockdowns started, we weren't sure how it was all going to pan out for our captains and us," says Vukan Simic, CEO of FishingBooker. "As it turns out, fishing is pretty pandemic-proof: it's easy to social distance on a boat, you're out in the open, and hygiene standards are already really high. As a result, we had our best business year ever, and so did a majority of the captains we work with."

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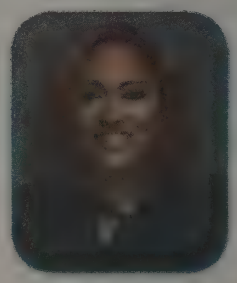

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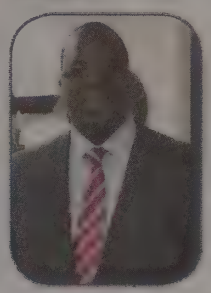

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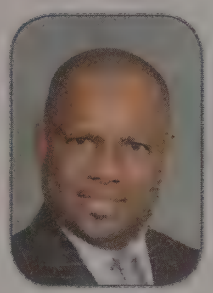

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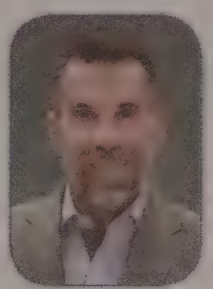

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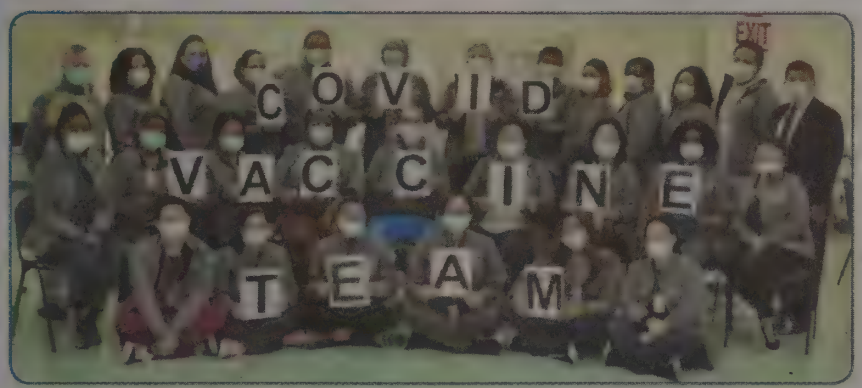

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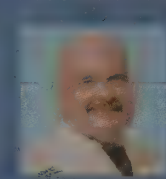

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Setting the Cornerstone in Stone Restoration:

Cornerstore Restoration

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West Kings Park-based Cornerstone Restoration's certified team of experts are trained in installing, maintaining and restoring interior and exterior stone work residential and commercial projects across the region.

There's a good reason the company's tagline is "setting the cornerstone in stone restoration."

Its founder, Peter Marmorato Jr., recently spoke with us about the latest trends in restoration, what sets his company apart and unique issues facing the East End.

What inspired you to found Cornerstone Restorations?

I was the lead guy for what used to be the main company that services the Hamptons and New York City and I really disagreed with how they did business, the behind-the-scenes stuff and how they treated customers. I thought it was very unfair. And I just wanted to develop and build something that one day I would be very proud of and that employees would be very proud to be a part of.

How did you get started in this line of work?

My background is manufacturing gravestones. I'm a third-, or fourth- or fifth-generation stone carver. I still have the monument company as well, it's based out of Kings Park. The industry took a hit because China started importing manufactured stones much cheaper than our actual cost was to manufacture. So I wound up working for a company, I went to give them temporary help for a month or two and it wound up being for 10 years. About eight years in is when I knew I was going to go out on my own at some point.

What sets your company apart from the competition?

The way we service our customers, the services that we offer and the training that I do for myself and all my guys. On the services part, everything we do, we do in-house, as far as stone restoration, repair and maintenance, including masonry—interior and exterior. We're capable of every stone finish on site or in the shop. We do not sub out work. All of the other companies sub out a good part of their work. As for the education part, myself and all of my employees for all of the products we use I either have product training done at the shop for the manufacturer or we go to their facilities for training. We do not use products that we are not qualified and trained with.

What new trends are you seeing in the industry?

More exotic and temperamental stones being used outside and inside, and more complicated finishes to mimic and be able to refinish. And with that I mean a thermal finish, a brushed thermal finish, which is basically textured finishes, whereas brushed, antiqued, leathered—they're all basically the same, sand blasted with a brushed technique over it, flamed with a brush technique over it, saw-cut finishes and chisel finishes.

What unique issues do you face operating on the East End?

Because of the amount of snow, the big thing that I'm seeing this year are rusted scrape marks across the pavement, especially front entrances, from metal shovels. It's really damaging the stone, which we're able to repair. But it's very costly and totally unnecessary. As far as stones being used, it's just a lot more limestones and marbles being used for exterior as opposed to interior. The classification of stone, or cost, expense-wise, of what people are using outside is more expensive than what other people could ever afford, but that's the Hamptons for you.

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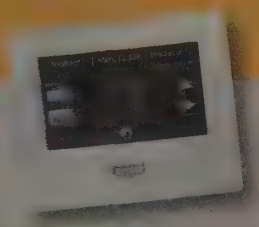

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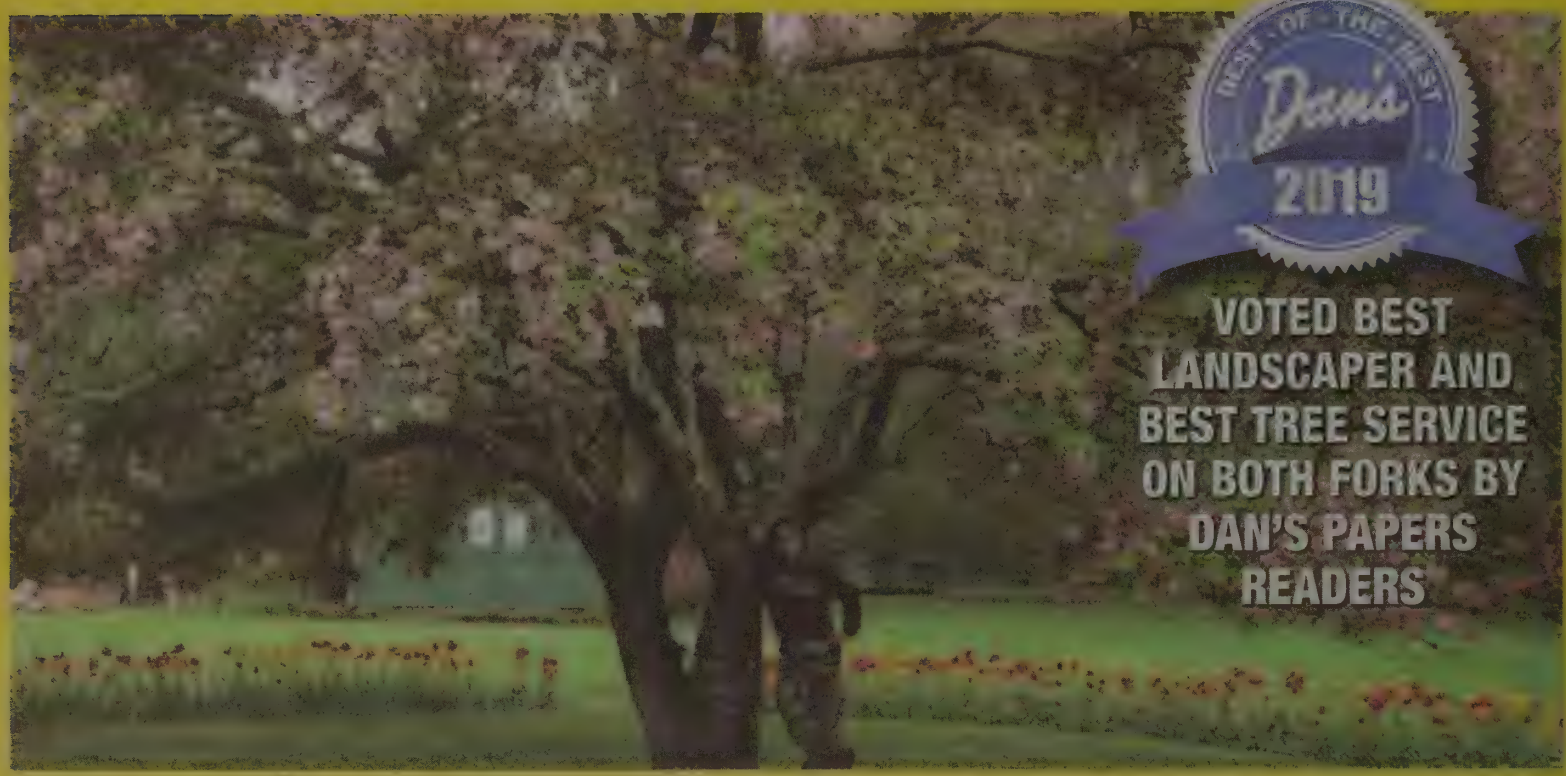

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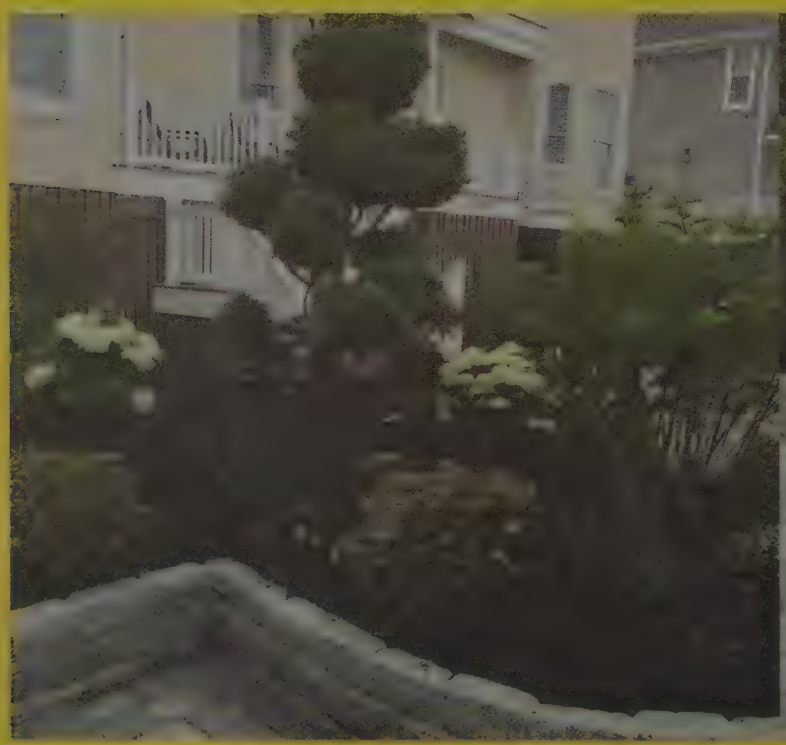

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"I just love ticks," said no one, ever. However, they are a natural, if disgusting, part of life on the East End, and with more people choosing to live out here, and engaging in more outdoor activities due to the pandemic, the alpha-gal red meat allergy is on the rise.

Southampton rock-star allergist Dr Erin McGintee was on the team that helped to identify this dreaded disease, transmitted from one of these nasty bloodsuckers—the Lone Star tick, to be exact—lodging its snoot into your skin for a prolonged period of time. For some people, being bitten by a Lone Star tick leads to what has been dubbed "alpha-gal," an allergy to red meat.

In fact, on the East End, it's common, when someone professes not to eat meat, to ask them, "Do you have alpha-gal?" more than "Are you a vegetarian?"

Imagine being at a barbecue, eating a burger, and in the middle of the night having your throat close up and not knowing why. Although alpha-gal does not always cause such a dramatic anaphylactic reaction, it can, and can even lead to death in some instances.

And, according to Dr. McGintee, there has been a significant increase in diagnosed cases of alpha-gal over the past year. Normally, she sees around 60 new cases a year. However, this past year she diagnosed 91 cases — a likely combo of more people living on the East End and recreating outside, due to Covid, more patient awareness (which is a good thing!), and—sorry to be the bearer of bad news—more Lone Star ticks.

In spite of the name, the ticks don't come from Tickses—I mean, Texas. They're called Lone Star for the yellow dot on their backs, and unlike their cousins—the familiar dog and deer ticks, best known for Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and Lyme Disease, respectively—these ticks are *fast*.

"The Lone Star tick population on the East End of Long Island is exploding and residents need to be aware of the issue," says Brian Kelly of East End Tick & Mosquito Control. "Lone Star ticks are very aggressive and don't wait to quest for a blood meal, like the deer tick. Lone Star ticks move quickly and they are attracted to carbon dioxide that our bodies are giving off. Most East Enders don't realize the dangers of ticks in their own backyard," he says.

So what's a person to do? "The most effective way to reduce the tick population on your property is to spray monthly from April through November. Remember to keep your grass cut short, don't overwater your plants and shrubs and keep a tick repellent on you at all times," says Kelly. A natural method of repelling ticks, according to the local holistic health community, is to ingest garlic tablets or capsules on a regular basis as well.

And as if these creatures weren't repulsive enough, Kelly shares this: "Ticks are not insects, although they are often mistaken for them. Ticks are actually classified as arachnids, or relatives of spiders, scorpions and mites. If you look closely at a tick when identifying it, it kind of resembles a spider with its four pairs of legs and lack of antennae." But, he admits, they are kind of in a class all their own.

Bloodsuckers who hate garlic? Sound familiar? Clearly, we are under an insectile vampire invasion, and Brian Kelly is our Van Helsing.

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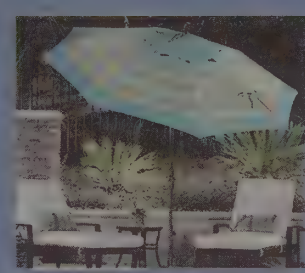

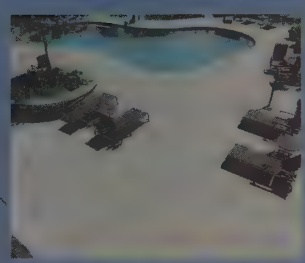

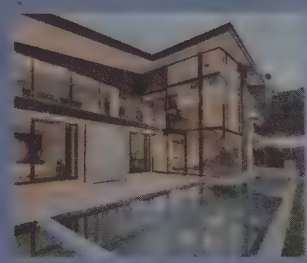

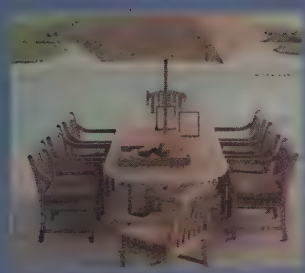

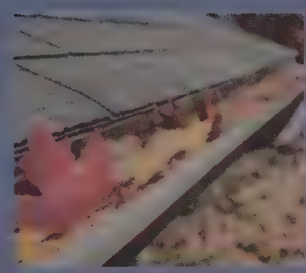

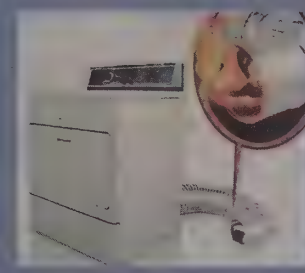

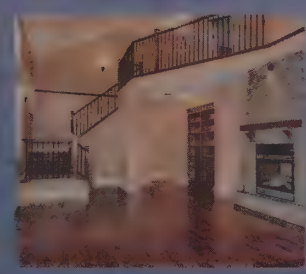

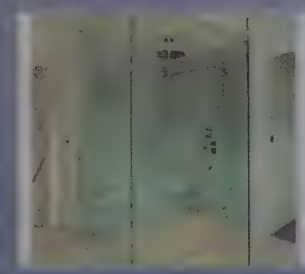

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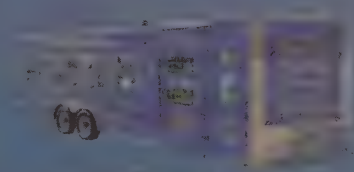

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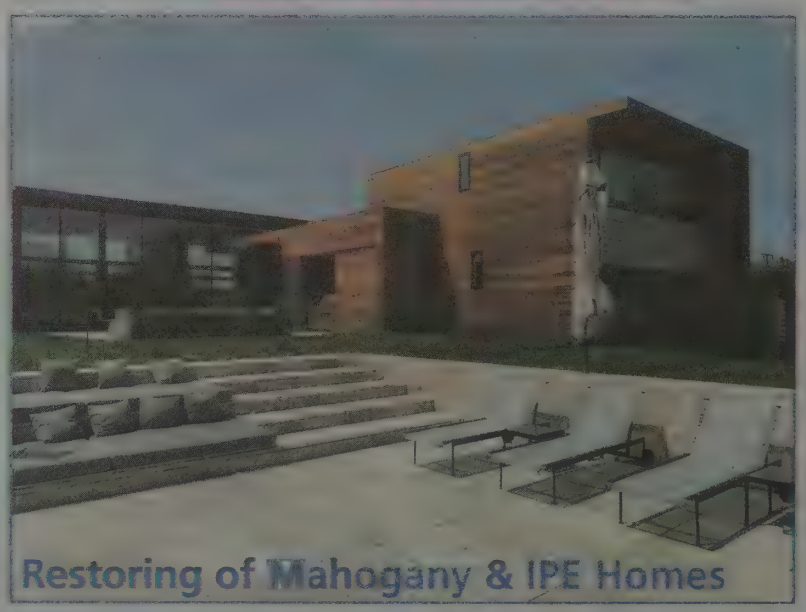

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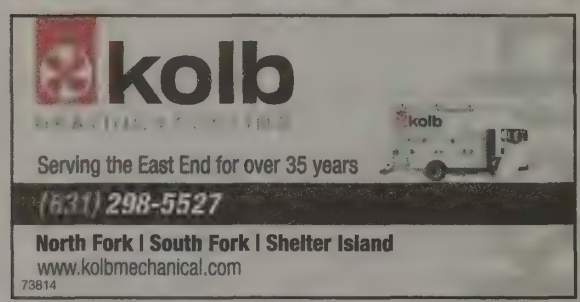

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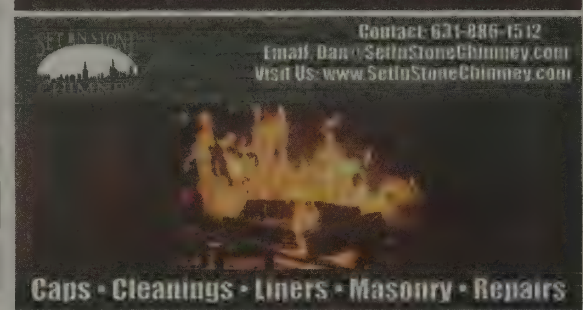

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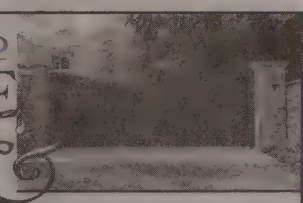
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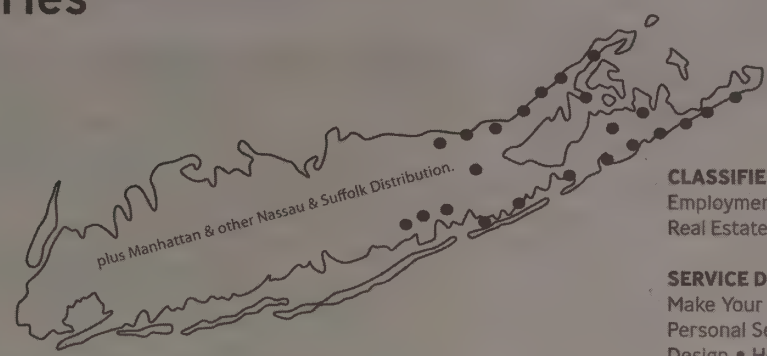

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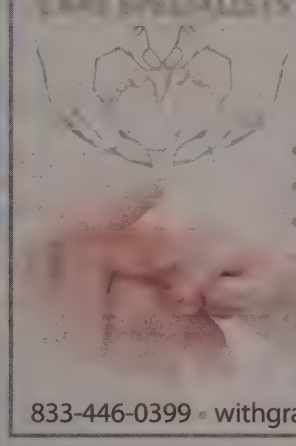

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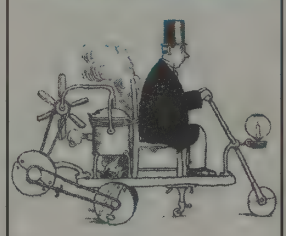

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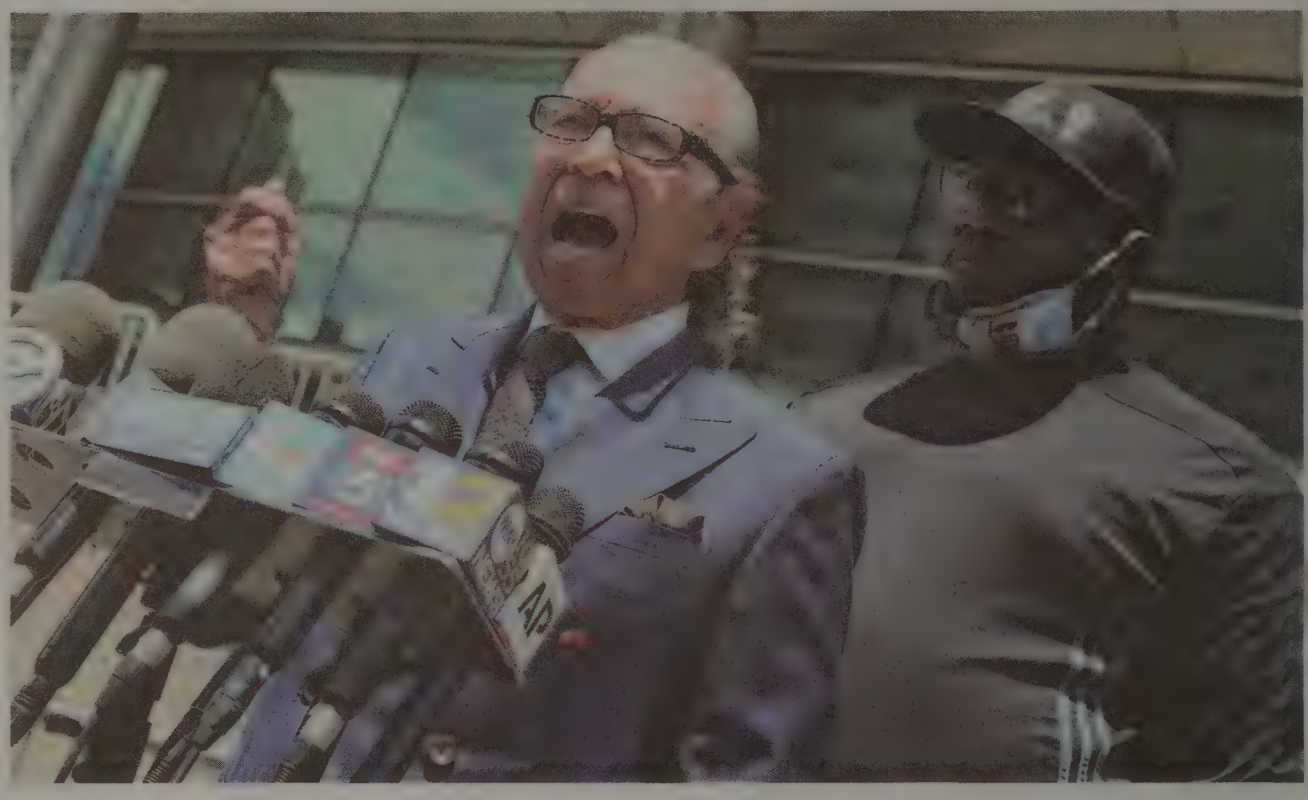

ATTORNEY SANFORD RUBENSTEIN SPEAKS ALONGSIDE ACTIVIST REV KEVIN MCCALL OUTSIDE QUEENS CRIMINAL COURT FOLLOWING A HEARING IN THE CASE OF NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) OFFICER DAVID AFANADOR, WHO WAS ARRESTED FOR USING AN ILLEGAL CHOKEHOLD TO ARREST A MAN IN NEW YORK, U.S. JUNE 25, 2020. REUTERS/MIKE SEGAR

Attorney Sanford "Sandy" Rubenstein, senior partner at the Brooklyn-based law firm of Rubenstein & Rynecki, is one of the most iconic and well-respected attorneys in the New York legal landscape. His body of work in the courtroom and in the public eye reads like a storybook. He has been constantly seen as a voice for the voiceless, an advocate for the under-represented—more literally—a fierce and revered attorney for all.

Sanford Rubenstein is a regular name on the pages of the New York City tabloids as well as *The New York Times*, frequently on the front cover of *amNewYork Metro*; some would say an attorney who practices in the court of public opinion. For the past several decades, you may have heard him comment on his cases on all of the New York news networks as well as CNN, MSNBC, and FOX News Channel. He also has appeared as a regular panelist on FOX's *The Strategy Room*, as well as *Law & Crime*, which recently covered the George Floyd trial.

"What we do as lawyers is to obtain for our clients a maximum award, for the damage they suffered, for which they are entitled.," he says. "But, more importantly, we fight for change so what happens to one victim does not happen to another. That's very important to the victims' families."

Rubenstein has represented more than 20 families who have lost their loved ones at the hands of police in New York City, as well as countless matters in which victims have suffered from police brutality, such as Abner Louima. He is a man of many hats. He and his team also recently secured a $62-million medical malpractice verdict in New York State Supreme Court in Brooklyn.

Any way you look at it, Rubenstein has made his mark in the legal community, particularly in the fight for social justice in New York.

"I recently had the honor of testifying before the International Commission on Systematic Racist Police Violence Against People of Color in the United States," he says. "The commission found that, in America, 'black people are targeted ... maimed and killed by law enforcement officers with impunity.'

"And, right now, in the United States Congress, we are trying to get change here in America," he continued. "We are fighting to get the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act made into law ... so we don't see the type of tragedy that we saw in the killing of George Floyd."

Rubenstein is a native New Yorker born in Brooklyn, the place in which he has spent his whole career practicing law. From humble beginnings, Rubenstein proudly recounts his story from "the projects to the penthouse." As a child, his family lived in the Ravenswood housing project in Queens, where he went through public school.

"I grew up until 14 in the housing projects in Long Island City, Queens," he says. "After my family decided they wanted to get out of the projects, live a better life, they bought a small house in Rockland County ... The lawyer who represented my family was a fellow named Arnold Becker. I was so impressed by the way my father and mother respected this man, and listened to his advice. It opened my mind to the idea of becoming a lawyer."

Sanford started his collegiate career at Rockland Community College, from which he went on to receive his B.A. Cum Laude from SUNY Oswego, completed an MBA at Baruch College, and then went on to Brooklyn Law School at night while teaching public school in Harlem during the day. This was the seed of a prolific legal career.

Starting at a storefront law office in Bedford-Stuyvesant, he became the person to call for victims of injustice and quickly developed a larger-than-life persona. Having for many years been seen alongside Rev. Al Sharpton, president of the National Action Network, in recent years you have likely seen him fighting for justice with both Rev. Kevin McCall, of the Crisis Action Center in Brooklyn and Hawk Newsome, the chair of Black Lives Matter-Greater New York.

His heart-wrenching accounts on behalf of his clients have often shone light on the distance that American society needs to come before we can have justice for all.

After all these years and countless hours advocating for victims, he has found his "retreat" in the Hamptons.

"I had decided that I wanted a place that could be a getaway for me, so to speak," he says. "There were a number of places I considered. I decided that the Hamptons were the right choice—the beach, the ocean, the horses, the cows, the vegetable fields—it was just so amazing that I absolutely fell in love with everything the East End has to offer.

"I had asked a friend of mine who had a home in the Hamptons 'where should I look?' and he said, 'between Water Mill and Bridgehampton, south of the highway,'" he continued. "I was fortunate, at that time, to find a modern-style house that I now call my home in the Hamptons."

And no matter how much Rubenstein loves the city streets and the bright lights, he sees our East End oasis as his escape.

"It's an amazing retreat to decompress from the work that I do, which is very stressful, very important to me and, at the same time, makes a difference, I hope," he says. "I love going to the local farms, like Babinski's for their fresh fish and Fairview Farms at Mecox, particularly for their pies and Challahs. For dinner, I love Pierre's in Bridgehampton and Tutto il Giorno in Sag Harbor.

"I so much love the life out here, and nothing gives me more pleasure than to see my three grandsons enjoy it as well," Rubenstein concluded.

Todd Shapiro is an award-winning publicist and associate publisher of Dan's Papers.

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